EU Absorbs Embarrassing Lessons in Bosnia Accord

By William Drozdiak Washington Post Service

PARIS - The U.S. success in brokering the Bosnia peace accord has caused remorse and embarrassment in the European Union, shattering its superpower illusions and underscoring its failure to achieve a cohesive security policy that can resolve conflicts in its own backyard.

In absorbing the bitter lesson that Europe fell woefully short in coping with its first major conflict of the post-Cold War era, diplomats and commentators in allied capitals said their governments must now assume greater security burdens or recognize their precarious reliance on the United States to maintain stability on their

Four years after a uniting Europe asked the United States to step aside as it tried to prevent war from erupting in Yugoslavia, the sight of leaders from Bosnia, Croatia and Serbia initialing a peace accord an ocean away in Dayton, Ohio, was perceived almost as a rebuke for Europe's inability to match pious words with forceful deeds in halting its bloodiest conflict in

Europe's biggest difficulty was disagreement among France, Germany and Britain over whether and how to intervene and stop the war," a senior European diplomat said. "There never really was a common policy, and even if they came close it never could have succeeded unless they got American support to provide mil-

itary power to back it up."

European newspapers bemoaned the lack of political conviction among European Union countries to take charge of their own destiny

Since the fall of the Berlin Wall, the Lambroschini in an editorial for the French daily Le Figaro. "Unfortunately, as long as the 15 EU states do not have the will to form their common security, Wash-

ington alone will decide. The sensitivity over the American stamp on the peace deal and Europe's second-fiddle status was reflected in defensive comments coming from France and Germany, Both governments claimed credit for keeping peace hopes alive dur-ing Yugoslavia's violent disintegration as they sought to minimize the American

rescue effort in the fourth year of war. Germany's foreign minister, Klaus Kinkel, said the United States only stepped in at a time when the chance of a solution was beginning to emerge." He

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Old Continent remains cuddled up under the Presidency Building on Wednesday celebrating the signing of the peace accord. They were awaiting the Bosnian president's arrival. the American umbrella." wrote Charles

Europeans to Get Their Turn With a Rash of Conferences

By Craig R. Whitney

rokered the deal that finally brought peace to Bosnia, but the European allies who spent nearly four years trying but getting nowhere all demanded a share of the credit Wednesday.

So there will be a rash of Bosnia peace early December for formal signature of the Dayton accords; one in London on Dec. 8 the hands of the five-nation "Contact air power against the Serbs, and 9 to discuss their implementation, Group" - Russia, Germany, Britain, then one in Bonn on possible limits on France, and the United States. But Ger- troops to break the siege of Sarajevo. After agreement with multiple conferences.

arms in all the former states of Yumany and the United States refused to the Croatian Army swept Bosnian forces goslavia. President Boris N. Yeltsin of send soldiers to the United Nations Proout of eastern Krajina in early August, the cussia, who fell ill on the eve of the PARIS - The United States may have Dayton conference, may want one in December, some European officials believe. Also, NATO foreign ministers will

meet in Brussels on Dec. 5 and 6 and those of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe will gather in Buipest on Dec. 6 and 7, with Bosnia bound conferences in Europe: one in Paris in to be high on the agenda in both places.

The diplomatic levers in Bosnia were in

tection Force.

Things began to change last summer, when Bosnian Serbian forces took hun-dreds of UN soldiers hostage to keep North Atlantic Treaty planes from striking as they surged into eastern Bosnia. The urged a stronger military posture on States leaders Britain and the NATO allies, who even- act together." maily accepted U.S. proposals to use more

tage was set for a renewed diplomatic effort. This time, with Europe on August vacation, the United States took the lead. But U.S. officials in Europe are con-

vinced that the overwhelming lesson of Bosnia is, as one senior diplomat in Brusnew president of France, Jacques Chirac, sels put it recently, "Without United States leadership, Europe couldn't get its

For this reason, U.S. officials took an understanding view of the European desire Britain and France sent in 10,000 extra to claim a share of the credit for the Dayton

Hong Kong Is Shocked By Hint of **Shadow Rule**

Officials Criticize Plan For a Chinese Regime Before 1997 Turnover

By Kevin Murphy International Herald Tribune

HONG KONG -- Strong signs that China may set up a rival form of government in Hong Kong well before it regains formal control in July 1997 elicited shock, then strong criticism, from Governor Chris Pat-ten and leading local politicians Wednes-

A speech by an adviser to China, Sir Sze Yuen Chung, raised the specter of fun-damental changes to Hong Kong insti-tutions that stray far beyond a transition script agreed to by Britain and China 11

years ago.
Sir Sze Yuen's outline of likely plans to set up a local legislature that would ap-prove the laws China wants in place on July 1, 1997, follows repeated threats by Bei-jing to scrap key civil liberties statutes and abolish the recently elected legislature.

His comments Tuesday, widely regarded as a trial balloon, could damage public confidence in the pace and scope of change in Hong Kong's way of life under Chinese rule, politicians here said.

"There will be only one government in Hong Kong before July 1, 1997, and presumably only one government in Hong Kong after that date," Mr. Patten said.

There is, of course, nothing in the Joint Declaration or Basic Law about provisional government secretariats or anything like that," he said. The Joint Declaration is the treaty signed by London and Beijing in 1984; the Basic Law is Hong Kong's miniconstitution under Chinese rule.

"We certainly won't be prepared to con-sider anything which would lead to divided loyalties among civil servants," Mr. Patten continued. "Or anything that would result in confusion or which would result in erod-ing the effectiveness of government as a

In a speech titled "Hong Kong 1996, The Most Crucial Year in Transition," Sir Sze Yuen outlined a number of unexpected steps Beijing would take to prepare for its administration of the British colony.

As a former senior Hong Kong government official and current member of the Preliminary Working Committee, a group of local leaders and Beijing officials preparing for the handover, Sir Sze Yuen has been taken most seriously, and his speech seen as an indicator of China's thinking.

Threats to abolish the local legislature and overturn the Bill of Rights ordinance were first suggested by local pro-China figures before endorsement by senior officials in Beijing.

Predicting "trying times ahead," Sir Sze Yuen described the likely formation of a "shadow" government secretariat that 'would have to be established toward the end of 1996" and that would require "a

few hundred staff working on it. 'However, this could create some concern in Hong Kong and particularly in the British Hong Kong government," he said.
"The concern, I believe, is not the size of the provisional Special Autonomous Region government secretariat but rather the existence of a second power center during

the final stage of the transition." Citing Britain's decision to carry out electoral reforms in Hong Kong without China's consent, Sir Sze Yuen asserted that

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Slowdown Chills Prospects for Single Currency in Europe

By Tom Buerkle International Herald Tribune

RUSSELS --- Fresh doubt was cast on ope's ability to forge a single currency 999 by two official reports Wednesday, confirming that economic growth in the opean Union was slowing significantly the other criticizing measures to reduce get deficits as "disappointing."

amission, also underlined the scale of spe's monetary challenge by estimatfor the first time that, based on current dence and revive growth. cies, only 5 of the 15 EU countries

in deciding whether to proceed with a affairs. single currency.

The other report, by the European Monetary Institute, forerunner of a European central bank, was its first progress report on EU members' progress toward meeting the conditions of monetary union.

It urged EU governments to redouble the of the reports, by the European their efforts to achieve a single currency, saying that commitment was essential to shore up business and consumer confi-

"To restore confidence, there is only ld meet the Maastricht treaty criteria one thing to do today - seriously attack at 2.6 percent before picking up modestly

EU governments will use data for that year guy, the EU commissioner for monetary by 2.8 percent last year.

Most private economists agreed on the need for budgetary austerity in the long run, but they cautioned that the tax increases EU governments are imposing could depress confidence and growth in the short term and make it more difficult to meet the 1999 single-currency deadline.

The commission cut its forecast for EU growth this year to 2.7 percent from 3.1 percent, bringing it closer in line with calculations by most private economists. Growth was projected to stagnate next year

for government deficits and debt in 1997. public deficits," said Yves-Thibault de Sil- to 2.9 percent in 1997. The economy grew

The sluggish trend should keep unemployment stuck above 10 percent this year and next, it forecast, The commission blamed much of the

slowdown on a rise in interest rates from the 1994 lows and the uncertainty caused by currency fluctuations like the sharp fall of the Italian lira and the devaluation of the Spanish peseta.

In separate reports on national compliance with the Maastricht criteria, the commission and the monetary institute agreed that progress in reducing budget deficits was insufficient.

Without changes in policies only Germany, France, Luxembourg and Britain which can opt out of monetary union will have deficits below 3 percent of gross

"Public finances in most member states continue to be far from satisfactory," the Frankfurt-based institute said. The dilemma at the heart of the Maas-

tricht approach to monetary union was

underscored by the outlook for France and

Germany, whose participation is vital to the single-currency program. The commission forecast that German growth would slow to 2.1 percent this year from 2.9 percent in 1994, then rebound to 2.4 percent in 1996.

The commission expects the slowdown to widen the German deficit to 2.9 percent of GDP this year and push the debt right up against the 60 percent Maastricht ceiling. That prompted the institute to warn Bonn it

ran the risk of running an excessive deficit. Mr. de Silguy defended the commission forecast, asserting that Germany had felt domestic product and outstanding debts the worst of its unification effects and that below 60 percent of GDP in 1997, the France would benefit from lower interest commission said. In addition, Ireland has rates. French rates have fallen significantly been judged to meet the criteria because its since President Jacques Chirac changed debt, while at 86 percent of GDP, has fallen tack last mouth and put deficit reduction ahead of employment as his top priority.

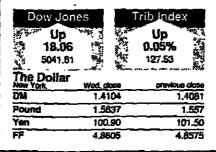
AGENDA

Algerian Front Seeks Dialogue

PARIS (AP) - Algeria's banned Islamic opposition movement recognized the newly elected president Wednesday and proposed talks, raising hopes that a bloody four-year war may soon end. The Islamic Salvation Front has been

outlawed in Algeria since January 1992. when the army canceled legislative elections the fundamentalist group was winning. The annulment set off a bloody insurgency by Islamic extremist groups that has left more than 40,000 dead

In an open letter to President Liamine Zeroual, who won 61 percent of the vote in elections last Thursday, the Front for the first time recognized his authority and confirmed its "permanent openness to dialogue, consultation and cooperation."





PERES'S CHALLENGE - Shimon Peres next to Yitzhak Rabin's empty chair prior to the Parliament vote to confirm him as prime minister Wednesday. He challenged Syria to take the lead in peacemaking, Page 7.

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Japan's 'Crisis' Bank to Aid All Failures

arch to take over two failed Tokyo credit unions, will have its said. to vastly expanded to deal with all of Japan's banking failures.

Finance Ministry said Wednesday.

Ministry officials said the bank's role would be similar to that wed by the Resolution Trust Corp., the federal agency that set up in 1989 in the United States to handle a domestic ings and loan crisis.

Fokyo Kyodo Bank will take over the assets and liabilities of 'u Credit Union, which was Japan's largest until it collapsed August, the ministry said. The bank took over the affairs of tailed Cosmo Credit Union in July.

Finance Minister Masayoshi Takemura acknowledged that iking authorities were at fault for having let Kizu continue

operating while it was running up big losses. "We regret that we 10KYO — Tokyo Kyodo Bank, the special bank set up in should have diagnosed the state of the thrift much earlier," he

Yoshimasa Nishimura, director general of the ministry's banking bureau, said Kizu's unrecoverable loans totaled 960 billion yen (\$9.4 billion), revised upward from an initial es-timate of 600 billion yen. The increase was because of a decline in the value of the union's collateral and its unreported nonperforming loans, he said.

Mr. Takemura said the government had no present intention of using taxpayers' funds to write off Kizu's bad loans, but added that that could change if the government decided to use public money to finance a special fund that could be set up to

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are of the Dying: Remedies Fall Short

By Don Colbum Wasdangton Post Service

SHINGTON - The largest study it how hospitalized patients die rehar American doctors and hospitals. under the best of circumstances, do

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"heroic" treatments such as mechanical ventilation or cardiopulmonary resuscitation even when patients have asked that they be withheld, the study found.

The five-year study of more than 9,000 acutely ill patients in five teaching hospitals describes a pattern of depersonalized care near the end of life and poor communication among patients, families and

The findings also call into question the conventional wisdom that has propelled the right-to-die movement over the past 25 years: that better information about patients' preferences and odds of survival would improve care of the dying. The study found that even giving doctors computergenerated statistics on a patient's prognosis and making known the patient's wishes about treatment did not change the way patients died.

Most researchers said they were stunned the findings, which were published

not manage death well. Many patients die a prolonged, painful death, with doctors giv-Medical Association. Among them: In nearly half the cases, doctors were

not aware that the patient had asked not to

undergo cardiopulmonary resuscitation in

the event of cardiac arrest. Half the dying patients spent at least eight days in the intensive care unit, in a coma, or on a mechanical ventilator.

· Half the patients who died were reported by their families to be in moderate or severe pain most of the time during their final three days of life. The most disturbing finding, researchers

said, was that measures aimed at improving

care failed to have any discernible impact. "I was shocked," said William A. Knaus, co-leader of the study and former director of the Intensive Care Research Unit at George Washington University Medical Center, now at the University of Virginia Health Sciences Center. "It was a fundamental

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For Rabin's Widow, the Long Battle Continues

By Laura Blumenfeld Washington Post Service

₹EL AVIV — Yitzhak Rabin had a chocolate drawer. In his study, next to the living room, the prime minister kept a cache of white chocolate, fudge balls, 100 Lindt bars he got for a birthday present. Today, there's half a bar in his drawer, the blue wrapping folded over so he could finish the rest later

That is Leah Rabin's life now, the small things and the big things that her husband left behind. At the simplest it's his chocolate, the opened yogurt in the refrigerator, the box of corn flakes above the sink that he liked to dig into late at night. At the most complicated, it is an entire country, Israel, a nation that has always been temperamentally diverse and now totters on the verge of a breakdown.

On Nov. 4, Mr. Rabin, one of the last surviving founders of the Jewish state, was murdered at a peace rally by a rightist Jew. He left his term of office unfinished and the process of making peace in the Middle East

"I compare it to a very, very, very, very, very, very enormous earthquake," said Leah Rabin, her voice unwavering, her green eyes steady.
"My husband was shot, and our society was Two weeks after the funeral, Israelis are still

bewildered, including the men who usually lead them. Benjamin Netanyahu, head of the opposition, is on the defensive. Shimon Peres, now the prime minister, looks scared. Only Leah Rabin seems completely sure of herself. "People keep telling me I'm strong, ong," she said. "Maybe living with

Yitzhak for so many years, I learned to cope with difficult situations the way he did." The killing of Yitzhak Rabin was a political act. And in many ways, his wife's response has been political, too. In the days after the murder, this blunt, tough-minded woman denounced Mr. Netanyahu, passed the mantle of leadership to Mr. Peres and met with Israel's longtime enemy, the Palestinian Liberation Organization's chief, Yasser Arafat. At home, she inspired the left and infuriated the right. Abroad, through television interviews, she became the voice of Israel. Everywhere, the

ut her behavior seems natural to her friends. For 47 years, she backed Mr. Rabin in his battles. Why stop now? After all, she is a woman who titled her memoirs "Always His Wife."

'I'm sure Yitzhak would have been proud of me," Mrs. Rabin said, sitting in the living room of their bright, unpretentious apartment.
"I know he would want to see me like this."

The last time she stood on the stage in the middle of Kings of Israel Square, her husband spoke while she scanned the crowd, nervous about an assault by religious extremists. Se-



'I'm sure Yitzhak would have been proud of me,' said Leah Rabin of her actions.

curity agents had warned them as they drove to the peace rally: There was a strong chance of a suicide attack by Palestinian fundamentalists. "I'm really worried," Mrs. Rabin said as their car rushed through Tel Aviv. Mr. Rabin did not say a word.

Eight days later, she is back onstage, the plaza is renamed Yitzhak Rabin Square and a quarter-million people have gathered to mourn the act of a Jewish fundamentalist. Mrs. Rabin steps up to the microphone. She

sees so many people out there, she thinks more, unfortunately, than at the fateful peace rally. She turns around to glance at a huge banner of her husband's face. Every morning, over grapefruit halves at their small kitchen table — with the napkin holder shaped like a dove — she looked into those level eyes and shared her news. "With your permission," Mrs. Rabin said,

now facing the crowd. "I would like to speak to Yitzhak." And she began:

Yitzhak, if only I could tell you what is happening here and throughout this land. You would hardly believe it. I would tell you about the three gunshots, and you wouldn't believe it, because you never thought it could happen to you." Despite this opening, it is not a sentimental speech. In a strong voice that ricochets off stone buildings through the palm trees, she urged her listeners to support the peace negotiations and to endorse Mr. Peres. By the next day, a murmur of speculation ran through Hebrew radio shows and the small talk at falafel stands: She will run for office.

She herself says: "No plans for politics yet." Her eyes roll slightly; it's the umpteenth time she has given this answer. "I can't think about any formal commitments now."

Since 1993, when Mr. Rabin shook hands with Mr. Arafat on the White House lawn, Israeli s have insulted her along with her husband. Every Friday, demonstrators stood outside their apartment building, shouting, "Traitor! Killer!" Usually she smiled, she says, because the accusations were so far-

Now the sidewalk where the demonstrators once stood is smooth with wax. Every night, people light candles there and sing Hebrew songs. There's a sweet, brown smell from the piles of flowers, and an orange sign painted by children: "Rabin Is an Angel of Peace."

"The handshake was the start, and it's been rolling on, even after my husband was killed,'

Three days after her husband's funeral, Mrs. Rabin was host to Mr. Arafat on a visit to Israel. The elevator doors opened on the eighth floor of their building, and the security guards waved Mr. Arafat through. He took off his red checkered kaffiyeh and stayed for an hour and a half, sipping coffee and talking to

Mrs. Rabin.
"He sat on this couch," she said, pointing proudly. It faces a broad window overlooking Tel Aviv.

"It was heartwarming and natural."
The Rabins' grandchildren asked Mr. Arafat if he was ever afraid of being assassinated. He smiled and kissed them one by one on the forehead He told them: "You are my family now."

The table is set. A stack of letters of condolence is cleared away. Soon Mrs. Rabin, her son and daughter and her three grandchildren will sit around the dining room table for a big Sabbath

"My approach is optimistic," Mrs. Rabin Yitzhak wasn't sacrificed in vain."

The other day, his bodyguard came by on his way home from the hospital. His name was Yoram, and he was shot in the arm by the assassin. He was still so upset that he sat unmoving in the kitchen for half an hour. Finally he dared approach Mrs. Rabin. He walked into the crowded living room. But one step away from his boss's widow, he collapsed

on the couch. He doubled over crying.

"This shouldn't haunt you," Mrs. Rabin told him firmly. The room went quiet.

You're a young man, and you have to try and cope." Mrs. Rabin kissed his hair. She wrapped her arms around him, covering his

4th French Blast **Renews Protests**

Asians May Ride Out Tests

By Michael Richardson International Herald Tribune

SINGAPORE - Asian and Pacific nations renewed strong protests Wednesday against clear weapons test in the region. but they did so in a way that suggested that they would not take any new action against

Japan said it deeply deplored the test, the fourth French underground blast in a series that began in September. The test took place late Tuesday in the South Pacific despite a United France when only two more Nations resolution last week tests were likely before Paris calling for an immediate halt to signed a treaty in 1996 banning such tests. The resolution, co-sponsored by Japan, Australia and many other Asian-Pacific countries, was intended to increase pressure on France and China, the only two nuclear powers still testing, to stop.

in the European Union, have made have been made. failed to halt the program.

would probably only be six originally announced in June. He denied, however, that the series was being curtailed because of international outcry.

The strongest public action Wednesday came from South Korean environmentalists. They threw eggs at the French Embassy in Seoul and sprayed paint on a road outside it.

"It is utterly disappointing and extremely frustrating that France, in the face of so much international opposition, should persist with these tests," said Don McKinnon, New Zealand's foreign minister.

Analysts said that France, despite being largely isolated on the issue, had ignored diplomatic protests and brushed aside Australia and New Zealand to boycott French products.

when 95 nations voted in the UN General Assembly to condemn nuclear testing; 45 abstained and 12 voted against.

Neither France nor China was named in the resolution be-France following its latest nu- cause supporters of the measure did not want to harden the determination of the two nations not to yield to foreign demands on a national security issue.

Andrew Mack, professor of international relations at the Australian National University in Canberra, said it was becoming increasingly difficult to "maintain the rage" against France when only two more all further nuclear explosions. "There is still an enormous

amount of irritation with the French" among Asian and Pa-cific nations, he said. "But there is also a feeling that just owers still testing, to stop.

Diplomatic protests against done, has been done, and that French testing, even from with- all the criticisms that can be

The French test Tuesday was President Jacques Chirac of carried out at Mururoa Atoll in France said recently that there French Polynesia. The New Zealand Institute of Geological tests rather than the eight he and Nuclear Sciences said it measured 15 kilotons, equiva-lent to 15,000 tons of ordinary explosives, or roughly equiva-lent to the atomic bomb dropped

on Hiroshima, Japan, in 1945. Prime Minister Paul Keating of Australia said that continued testing "raises the level of skepticism amongst nonnuclear weapon states about the sincerity of some nuclear powers to pursue nuclear disarmament.

He warned that France's action made it more likely that some other countries would also "pursue their own nuclear weapons programs.

Analysts said that Asia was especially vulnerable to such proliferation because of deep mutuai suspicions among some ineffectual attempts by Japan, of the leading powers in the region and their rapid technological advance, which make The campaign to embarrass building nuclear weapons relaginated last week arively easy.

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South Koreans Say Bribes Grease the Business Wheel

By Kevin Sullivan

widow was a surprise.

Washington Post Service SEOUL — For more than a decade, a South Korean company made up to \$4 million a year as the local distributor for an American electronics-maker. Then, in 1989, the Americans dropped the local firm and became their own distributor in

They have lost \$16 million since then, according to their says the reason is simple: The Americans refuse to pay bribes could you survive? to customers to win contracts.

They wouldn't pay any ed civic leader, spoke the day

identified.

'under-the-table' money, so after a former president, Roh today. they couldn't close any deals," Tae Woo, was arrested on The said the Seoul businessman, charges that he collected bribes who is the chief executive of- from companies to amass a ficer of a medium-size com- \$654 million political slush pany and who asked not to be fund. Even South Koreans, who "Any businessman in Korea ruption from their political who has survived the last 30 leaders, were shocked by the years is to some degree corrupt, including myself," he added.
"The whole country was this "For many here, especially

way. The president was corrupt, those in business, the size of the ministers were corrupt, the Mr. Roh's fund may have been banks were corrupt. How else surprising but the culture of

The businessman, a respect-

have endured decades of cor-

corruption it represents is nothpart of the hard reality of doing business in South Korea, and 'under-the-table' money and secret political contributions

world's 12th-largest economy

The businessman and others between a powerful, highly in the country, 100 are responcentralized government and a sible for 60 percent of all ex- to be identified. handful of huge industrial con-glomerates. While many Koreans work honestly and would influence is mighty. never consider paying or receiving bribes, observers say corrupt habits have permeated important aspects of South Ko-

From 1961 to 1987, Korea's rulers and the aggressive heads in 1979, and Chun Doo Hwan, ing new. They say bribes are of the conglomerates worked together like generals and their 1988, reportedly gave business field officers.

which sectors and companies could present to government have been an underside of the should prosper, and it funneled tax officials as write-offs. county's rise from an economic cheap capital and favorable tax backwater 30 years ago to the treatment their way. Today the recently called the payments a ing or overseas investment.

four biggest conglomerates ---

ports. The top 10 are responsible for 43 percent, and their In return for acting as empire-makers. South Korea's leaders demanded cash.

1961 until he was assassinated who ruled from 1979 until leaders receipts for their "do-The government decided nations," which the companies

survival tax. "If a businessman Hyundai, Samsung, Daewoo refused to contribute to a slush and LG — account for one- fund when requested, he would here say the problem stems third of South Korea's total invite the ire of the group in from a three-decade partnership sales. Of the 63,000 exporters power," said a Seoul financial consultant, who also asked not

"The more despotic the group, the severer the penalty would be," the financial consultant continued.

He said bureaucrats surrounding Mr. Roh, a former Two former presidents, Park army general and the country's Chung Hee, who ruled from first democratically elected president in 30 years, would treat any nonpaying businessman as a pariah and withhold jects and funding.

The government has wide regulatory authority over businesses, including their access to One Korean business leader credit and licenses for export-

TRAVEL UPDATE

France Braces for Transport Strike

PARIS (AFP) — French rail and air services are expected to be: severely hit as of Thursday evening by a call for a general strike Friday of public sector employees.

Severe disruption is expected on the Paris Métro system from Friday morning, with only 20 percent of trains running, and on RER commuter lines, where only up to 20 percent of trains will operate on lines A and B, the Paris transportation authority said. Seven unions for the national rail company, SNCF, have called

on 182,000 employees to strike Friday and possibly beyond, with two unions saying the action would begin Thursday evening. Air links are expected to be disrupted by a strike call covering air traffic controller. A plan to provide minimal coverage will be

Unions to Paralyze Belgian Trains

BRUSSELS (AP) - Unions continued their month of labor actions Wednesday, starting a 48-hour train strike that was expected to create huge traffic problems.

Unions, unhappy with the government's austerity measures and

threats of layoffs plan a nationwide strike of all public sector workers Dec. 13. Although the train strike starting Wednesday at 10 P.M. will only affect three of Belgium's 10 provinces, it will very likely disrupt all train traffic.

8 Killed as Strong Quake Hits Sinai

CAIRO (AP) — A powerful earthquake rocked seaside resorts in Egypt, Israel, Jordan and Saudi Arabia on Wednesday and spread panic across a wide arc of the Middle East. Buildings toppled, electricity was cut and at least eight people were killed. The quake struck at 6:15 A.M. and was centered about 100 kilometers (68 miles) south of Eilat in the Gulf of Aqaba. Hardest hit were towns along the gulf, including Eilat, neighboring Aqaba

in Jordan, and Egypt's Nuweiba, about 60 kilometers (40 miles) south, where the four-story Barracuda Hotel collapsed, killing three people, the police said. At least 58 people were reported injured in Egypt, most in the Sinai along the Gulf of Aqaba. Estimates of the quake's magnitude ranged from 7.2 by the National Earthquake Information Center in Golden, Colorado, w 5.7 by Egypt's Helwan Observatory.



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To Shed Corrupt Image, Party to Change Name

SEOUL — Trying to distance itself from Roh Tae Woo, the disgraced former president, South Korea's governing party said Wednesday that it would change its name.
The Democratic Liberal Party, led by

President Kim Young Sam, has been painted as a horbed of corruption since Mr. Roh admitted maintaining a \$654 million slush fund during his 1988-93 term.

The scandal is threatening to engulf Mr. Kim, who took office in 1993 nledging to

fore elections for Parliament in April, the "The ruling party must end old-style losses likely would influence the presidential election in 1997.

a new party," President Kim said. The Democratic Liberal Party was created in a three-party merger in 1990. Mr. in 45 years, losing many major posts. Kim, then an opposition leader, joined forces with Mr. Roh and later won the party's presidential nomination.

The opposition scoffed at the announce-

The parliamentary election will be a midterm test for the government. Heavy In June, Mr. Kim's party suffered a dev-

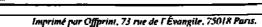
astating setback in the first local elections Mr. Roh, arrested last week, could be sentenced to life in prison if convicted.

At the Seoul jail where he is being held, about 50 inmates were in the second day of

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Religious Right: A Holier-Than-Thou Rift By Katharine Q. SeelyeNew York Times Service posal that some other conservatives in Congress, whether in public school limins, chairman of the House Judiciary Committee. As a result, Representative Henry Hyde of plusticiary Committee. Mr. Istook's prayer goal is to have prayer in the schools. Mr. which is a priority for brave prayer in the schools. Mr. listook is may be nown this is shaping a brothers and si a disagreemen. On the side

POLITICALNOTES

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Illinois Democrats said Mr. Gingrich's

"I am revolted that anyone would at-

tempt to place blame on any segment of

society for an act of such unspeakable brutality," said Barbara Guttmann, ex-

ecutive director of the Illinois Demo-

Mr. Gingrich made similar remarks a year ago after Susan Smith drowned her

two sons in South Carolina, saying that

case was one reason Americans should

\$40,000 Takes a Walk

WASHINGTON — The U.S. govern-

ment is missing \$40,000 in newly printed

bills and says it doesn't know where they

The Bureau of Engraving and Printing

The cash was being shipped from the

White House — to the Federal Reserve

Washington area, the spokeswoman

"We really don't know who did it," a

If it is a case of theft, it would not be the

first time it has happened at the Bureau of

The money was lost before it left the both of them.

bank in Minneapolis, she said.

questing anonymity.

erated drug dealers; an educational sys- Jr., a bureau employee, was charged with of money.

discovered Friday that the money was

missing, a Treasury Department spokes-

like this is repulsive," she said.

vote for Republican candidates.

"To try to win political points at a time

Gingrich Sees 'Decay'

NASHUA, New Hampshire -- Newt

Gingrich, Republican of Georgia and the

House speaker, is blaming the "welfare

state" and the moral failure of America's

leaders for the slaying of a pregnant wom-

an and two of her children near Chicago

and the removal of the baby from her

two generations we haven't had the guts

to talk about right and wrong," Mr. Gin-

grich said in a speech to Republican gov-

of a drug-addicted underclass with no

sense of humanity, no sense of civiliza-

tion, and no sense of the rules of life in

Mr. Gingrich said the slayings of De-

"Let's talk about what the welfare

state has created," Mr. Gingrich said,

holding up a newspaper account of the

killings. "Let's talk about the moral de-

Friends have said that the victim at-

Two men and a woman are accused of

murdering the woman and her children

because they wanted her baby. It has not

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Mr. Gingrich blamed "a welfare sys-

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Engraving. Last year, Robert P. Schmitt pending my candidacy because I am out

cussions to continue.

the religious right," said Forest

banks in Maryland tipped off investi-

gators that he had made numerous de-

WASHINGTON - The husband of

Representative Enid Greene Waldholtz,

Republican of Utah, remains undecided

about testifying before a federal grand

jury investigating financial irregularities

involving the couple, a prosecutor said

Joseph Waldholtz has been discussing

a grand jury appearance with the U.S.

attorney's office here. He was to appear in

federal court to inform Judge Emmet G.

Sullivan whether he would testify or as-

sert his Fifth Amendment privilege

torney, William Lawler, who told the judge that discussions "have not yet

reached the point as to whether Mr. Wald-

holtz will appear and testify before the

proceeding Dec. 15 to allow the dis-

Judge Sullivan scheduled a new court

Mr. Waldholtz and his wife, a fresh-

man representative, had joint accounts in

ment source has said the investigation

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would delve into financial transactions of

Senator Arlen Specter of Pennsylva-

nia, announcing Wednesday that he was

halting his campaign to win the Repub-

lican presidential nomination: "I am sus-

Instead, it was an assistant U.S. at-

against self-incrimination.

posits of new \$100 bills.

gelicals, one of about a dozen groups that have been helping to draft religious-protection "These are our brothers and sisters, and there's a disagreement here.

On the sidelines for now are those who oppose any change in the constitution as it applies to religion.
"This conflict just proves

what we've been saying all along," said Joseph Conn. a spokesman for Americans United for Separation of Church and State. "It's not that easy to improve on Madison and Jefferson."

Mr. Hyde's supporters say his amendment would prohibit discrimination against people who want to express their religious views. They deem the measure necessary despite the First Amendment's guarantee of religious freedom because of so many differing legal interpretations of what is permissible.

Mr. Istook's amendment would allow student-sponsored prayer in public schools and would permit communities to decide themselves on whether to have religious displays dur-

ing the holidays.

But among many religious conservatives, the major concem as defined by one of them, Michael McConnell, a professor of constitutional law at the University of Chicago, is not school prayer. It is instead, Mr. McConnell says, that expression of religion has become subordinate to secularism.

"The authentic vision of the First Amendment, and of the founders, and of the United States until about 40 years ago, was one of pluralistic public space in which all citizens, religious and nonreligious, have equal rights," Mr. McConnell said. The real problem today, he added, is "the enforced secularization of public life, not school prayer.



A police officer carrying an injured person from the Empire State Building in New York, after a basement fire caused 23 minor injuries, mainly from smoke inhalation.

Away From Politics

• Hundreds of tourists fled the Empire State Building after smoke from a basement electrical fire drifted up the 102-story landmark. Twenty-three people suffered minor injuries, mostly from smoke inhalation. Fire a note found with the body, the Daily News fighters evacuated at least 200 people, and many more walked out unescorted.

A man who fatally slashed a 6-year-old boy asked for forgiveness • and gasped "Oh Lord" as he was executed by injection in Crest Hill, Illinois. George Del Vecchio, 47, also raped the boy's mother.

• Teachers' salaries rose an average of 2.7 Federation of Teachers. The average teacher anonymity.

salary nationwide from fall 1994 to summer 1995 was \$36,744, the union said.

A former longshoreman who recently pleaded guilty to being a major mob gun supplier was found shot to death on his mother's grave. "My name is Frank O'Hehir," read quoted unidentified police sources as saying. "Please call my attorney, Roger Bernstein.

This is an FBI case. Thank you." A gun was found near the body, but it wasn't clear whether Mr. O'Hehir, 65, had committed suicide, Mr. Bernstein said. Mr. O'Hehir had recently pleaded guilty to gunnunning for the Colombo crime family and was under house arrest. He was wearing an electronic bracelet when he was found dead at a Queens cemetery, percent last year, according to the American said the newspaper's sources, who requested

Tom Clancy's Investment: The Danger Was Present but Not So Very Clear

By Jerry Knight

WASHINGTON - Tom Clancy liked Dick Scott. Met him after an Orioles game. Considered him a friend. Invited him over to the big house on the Chesapeake Bay, the house that the Jack Ryan novels built. They talked business once and Mr. Clan-

second thought until the letter from the people who invested in what court doc- land securities regulators contend. Maryland State Securities Commission ar-

stories, this one has a multimillion-dollar price tag, only this time it's the author of Stamp Center in Camp Springs, Maryland, owed \$6.7 million to its creditors; the gaging in two kinds of investment fraud.

Scott \$1 million to invest and never had a to be the biggest loser among dozens of uments allege was a \$6 million securities fraud concocted by Richard A. Scott, 50, of

spot, the writer says. Later, he gave Mr. Danger" who is paying. Mr. Clancy stands baseball cards, but also investments in an wife, Wanda, who the filing says are due gaged in such activities illegal, unregistered mutual fund, Mary-

Mr. Clancy, 48, was listed as the biggest Mr. Scott owns Goldie's Coin and firm said it had \$1 million in assets and ment advice without a license and en-

cy wrote Mr. Scott a \$400,000 check on the "Patriot Games" and "Clear and Present where he sold not only coins, stamps and biggest of them are Mr. Clancy and his

commissioner, Robert N. McDonald, accreditor when Goldie's Coins filed for pro- cused Mr. Scott and his company of selling Mr. Clancy said he had been approached by tection in bankruptcy court this month. The unregistered securities, dispensing invest-

Mr. Scott's attorney denied that he en-Since becoming a highly paid writer -

In a civil suit, the Maryland securities Forbes magazine recently estimated he made \$28 million in the last two years many people touting investments. "From this point on, we will be more careful to

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TOPICS

Blacks in Military **Losing Promotions**

A study for Congress found that blacks in the military are less likely to gain promotion than their white the problem.

blacks get promoted less often than would be expected based on their numbers in the armed services. Women aptionally more promotions of 12 square miles, Phoenix than would be expected.

The GAO, the investigative arm of Congress, recommended that the Pentagon improve its equal opportunity monitoring.

A Pentagon official responded that the recom-

mended improvements were already being put into place. The study compared promotion levels in the five years 1989-93 broken down by Keaton, born 100 years ago, military service and six dif-died in 1966 at 70. "He

ferent ranks. The result was | didn't have a big ego, he was 116 separate measures. In 80 never impressed with him-of those 116 measurements, self," his widow, Eleanor, a blacks were less likely than sprightly 77, recalls. He took expected to gain promotion, considerable pride in being a 31 of which were deemed statistically significant.

greater than expected likeli- International Herald Tribune

none was rated statistically significant.

Short Takes

Intimidation of witnesses is always a problem for prosecutors, especially child witnesses in molestation cases. Cindi Nannetti, deputy prosecutor in Maricopa County, Arizona, says that one way of dealing with this is to videotape interviews of children counterparts, but it stopped short of blaming racism for the problem. The study, by the General Accounting Office, released this week, found "statistical-wideo." She said the jury then decides which version to believe, "I don't think we've lost one of them," she said.

> With its latest annexation now spans 469 square miles, robeinx now spans 469 square miles, topping the 467 of Los Angeles, although it has only a third the population: 1.1 million vs. 3.4 million. Both are dwarfed by Anchorage, Alastratic 1602 ka, with 1,697 square miles.

Buster Keaton, who ranks with Charlie Chaplin as a master of silent film comedy, was uncomfortable about being called a genius. Mr. Keaton, born 100 years ago, craftsman, but "geniuses were great thinkers to him; he For women, 78 of the 116 thought calling him that was measurements showed a unreliable information.

rived a few months ago. Like all of Mr. Clancy's best-selling Alexandria, Virginia.

more than \$1.6 million.

check people out," Mr. Clancy said.

Martha Hill, 94, Dies, Pioneer **Of Modern Dance Education**

Los Angeles Times Service NEW YORK (LAT) — many of the same themes, died day. He down Martha Hill, 94, a pioneer of Nov. 12 at his home here. He enemy planes. modern dance education who had been assistant to the pastor founded the American Dance of the Mount Calvary Baptist Roosevelt sanctioned a navy Festival and developed dance Church since 1986. departments at four major in-

Brooklyn home. of the Bennington School of the ing other menial jobs.

Dance, a summer school at He studied at a series of Bos-Dance, a summer school at Bennington College in Vermont, marking the first time but it was not until he was 61 modern dance had been rec-that he received a college de-

ognized as a separate art form. gree, a bachelor of science in When that summer program religion from the Columbia evolved into the American University School of General Dance Festival at Connecticut Studies in New York. He later College in 1948, she was the received a doctor of divinity founding director. The dance from the Manhattan Bible Col-

School. ce Cunningham and Alvin Ai-

Raphael P. Powell, 96, Preacher and Writer

NEW YORK (NYT) - The Reverend Raphael Philemon Powell, 96, who began his career as a polemicist inspired by the Marcus Garvey black nationalist movement and ended it who planned the Pearl Harbor

In 1934, she became director while washing dishes and hold-

festival is now based at Duke
University in Durham, North
Carolina.

She also helped create dance
departments at New York University and the Juilliard

Total the Maintain Bible Cbilege.

Beginning in the 1930s, Mr.
Powell wrote more than 15
books, supplementing his income from a series of bureaucratic jobs in New York by publishing them himself. His most Over the years, she offered noted work, "Prayer for Free-guidance and support for some dom," is included in James major figures in modern dance, Melvin Washington's "Conamong them José Limon, Merversations with God," a collection of prayers written by African-Americans

from the 1700s. Colonel John Mitchell, Shot Down Key Admiral

SAN ANSELMO, California (AP) - Colonel John Mitchell,

as a Baptist minister preaching attack, died of cancer Wednesmany of the same themes, died day. He downed a total of 16

In April 1943, President mission to hunt down Isoroku Mr. Powell arrived in Boston Yamamoto, the Japanese admistitutions, died Sunday at her from Jamaica on a cargo ship as ral who planned the Pearl Hara teenager and attended classes bor attack. Breaking a Japanese while washing dishes and hold-code, the United States discovered where and when he would land. Colonel Mitchell's squadron gumed down Admi-ral Yamamoto at Bougainville, in the Solomon Islands.

> Francis Brown, 91, editor of The New York Times Book Review for more than 20 years, died Friday in New York.

> Conrad Lynn, 87, a civil rights lawyer whose clients included freedom riders in the South, Vietnam War draft resisters and Puerto Rican nationalists, died Thursday at his home in Pomona, New York.

Jack Finney, 84, the author of the time-travel novel "Time and Again" and the science-fiction thriller "The Body Snatchers," died Tuesday in Greenbrae, California.

Laila Murad, 77, one of Egypt's best-loved singers and actresses, known during a career that extended from the 1930s to the '50s as "the Cinderella of Arab cinema," died of heart failure Tuesday in a



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Behind Afghan Militia's Blitzkrieg, Some Outside Help

By John-Thor Dahlburg Los Angeles Times Service

QUETTA, Pakistan - It has been one of the most breathtaking advances in the anyear ago, the Taleban now controls more than half the country.

Muslim fundamentalists over the weekend announced that they had launched their final assault to overrun the capital and chase President Burhanuddin Rabbani

Many observers believe that it is only a matter of time before the political map of a country exhausted by more than a decade and a half of warfare will be changed

The Taleban, a motley band of fighters chiefly composed of inexperienced but courageous Islamic students, credits its nancial or military support to any faction of important Pakistan Army garrison town and Pakistani Islamic party Jamiat-e-Ulema-e-

his arrest for "engaging in ac-

tivities to overthrow the gov-

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free Mr. Wei, the group ap-

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Another group based in New

York, Human Rights Watch/

Asia, urged President Bill Clin-

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tivist Wei Jingsheng. We have

expressed our concerns about

this latest development in his

case to Chinese officials."

March 1996.

Human Rights in China, a

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declared a Taleban commander, month. Mulvi Abdul Samad.

But in the rugged countryside of nals of modern warfare: Master of little Baluchistan, the sparsely populated Pakmore than a single city in Afghanistan a istani province of mountain and desert that runs parallel to Afghanistan for 1,070 kilometers (670 miles), other, more worldly And standing at the gates of Kabul, the reasons for Taleban's recent blitzkrieg gains have come to light.

First, attracted by the sacred Islamic ideal of a jihad, or holy war, young Pakistants in droves have been rushing over the border to embrace Kalashnikov rifles and the Taleban's cause. And despite repeated official denials, the

Islamic Republic of Pakistan has been massively supporting the Muslim Afghan fighters over the past year, the Los Angeles Times has learned.

'Pakistan has decided not to give fi-

lightning-like successes to its creed and the Afghans," Prime Minister Benazir home of one of the largest munitions dumps Islam, whose legislators support Miss Allah, "The only real superpower is Al- Bhutto told an Iranian audience earlier this in the country. Some Afghan Talibs — Bhutto's coalition government.

But from Pakistan have come gasoline for the Taleban's tanks, aircraft and armored vehicles, truck convoys filled with munitions and other supplies, and telecommunications equipment, experts and ad-

This is the work of the Lawrence of Arabias of the ISI," said the opposition senator. Abdur Rahim Khan Mandokhel, of Baluchistan. He was referring to the Inter-Services Intelligence, Pakistan's mysterious and powerful military intelligence agency. He accuses his country's government of trying to play the puppet master in Afghanistan.

Numerous interviews indicate that officers from the ISI regularly escort supply convoys to the Afghan border from Quetta, the capital of Baluchistan that is also an

Muslim religious students — say they have been trained by Pakistanis in Afghanistan.

There were 10 to 15 of them, all Pastitospeakers, Abdul Hakim, an 18-year-old student, recalled, referring to the language of Afghanistan's majority Pashtun ethnic group, during a recent visit to a wounded comrade-in-arms in Quetta. "They taught us to shoot Kalashnikovs and machine guns."

Hundreds, perhaps thousands, of Pakistani boys and men have been streaming over the frontier to fight with the Taleban, arguably tilting the balance in Mr. Rabbani and his fellow Tajik, the mujahidin commander Ahmed Shah Masoud, both of whom Pakistan now opposes.

Frequently, the Pakistani recruits have been enlisted at madrasas, or religious schools, operated by the fundamentalist

Viewed against the backdrop of the region's tumultuous history, Pakistani involvement in Afghanistan is simply the natest chapter in the "great game" that once pitted the European imperial powers of Britain and Russia against each other in a contest for control of Afghanistan.

Pakistan is far from being the only country now striving for influence in Afghanistan. According to Islamabadbased diplomats, Iran has begun supplying aid to the Rabbani government by air. And in August, Taleban jets forced a Russian Afghanistan's three-year civil war against cargo plane to land in Kandahar in the southeast. It was carrying 3.4 million rounds of ammunition meant for the Rab-

India, Pakistan's regional nemesis, also is reportedly aiding the Kabul regime, which makes Mr. Rabbani and his allies doubly hateful to the Pakistanis.

Taleban Takes Strategic Town As It Tightens

KABUL — Afghanistan's Islamic Taleban militia advanced closer to Kabul on Wednesday, capturing several key districts in the east as it tried to strengthen its siege of the capital, the Defense Ministry

and rebel sources said. A ministry spokesman, Amrullah, said Taleban fighters on Tuesday night had pushed forces loyal to President Burhanuddin Rabbani out of the strategic Bandi Ghazi village, which lies in a valley about 20 kilometers (12 miles) east of Kabul.

A Taleban spokesman in the southern town of Kandahar said the militia forces had advanced further toward Kabul and had captured Pul-i-Charkhi, about 12 kilo-meters from the city center.

The militia captured the former Pul-i-Charkhi jail and government positions, a Taleban spokesman, Wakil Ahmed, said from Pakistan by telephone. No independent confirmation was available.

'It was a very heavy banle," Mr. Amrullah said about the overnight fighting. Both sides used tanks, artillery and aircraft in the fight, and we lost about 10 men.

'We are not concerned at all,' he added. "A counteroffensive is imminent." The sounds of heavy gunfire could be

heard from the front lines about 25 kilometers southeast of the city. Bandi Ghazi's fall follows the Tale-

ban's capture of the nearby Chakari and Khurd Kabul villages Monday night. In all, Mr. Amrullah said, government forces have been pushed back at least 7

kilometers. Other Afghan sources suggested the militia, which seeks to overthrow Mr. Rabbani's government, might have advanced up to 10 kilometers.

Military analysts said the Taleban was trying to extend the front line to the main road linking the besieged capital with the eastern city of Jalalabad and Pakistan. The Jalalabad road is the only route

traders use to bring basic commodities into the city. If the Taleban cuts off that road, it can control almost all traffic to Kabul. The militia has already imposed an energy blockade that has tripled the prices of firewood, coal and diesel.

The Defense Ministry accused Taleban of launching an air raid on the city in which at least two bombs fell on a deserted residential area in northwestern suburbs. Local fighters said the bombing did not

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cause any casualties or significant damage. The raid follows one on Monday in which, the authorities said, 10 people were killed and 16 were wounded. (Reuters, AFP)

Censure of China By UN Is Urged Rights Groups Back Wei BELIING - The lodging of bying of UN members to block capital sedition charges against earlier drives to censure it on Wei Jingsheng, the father of human rights grounds. China's embattled democracy A relative of the 46-A relative of the 46-year-old movement, rekindled calls dissident said Wednesday that Wednesday for formal censure a policeman gave the family a of Beijing by the UN Human copy of Mr. Wei's arrest warof Beijing by the UN Human rant but could not disclose his China ended Mr. Wei's 20whereabouts or condition. The month disappearance into legal family demanded access to Mr. Wei but received no answer, limbo Tuesday by announcing

DISSIDENT DRAWS A LINE — Daw Aung San Suu Kyi, the Burmese dissident who received the Nobel Peace Prize in 1991, criticizing the government Wednesday for its running of the constitutional convention, which she said her party might boycott.

Japanese F-15 Is Shot Down During Exercise ton and other national leaders to pation in the United States may

larch 1996. the U.S. agenda, as it was For its part, the State De-months ago. accidentally shot down another F-15 dur-One of Mr. Wei's relatives ing training Wednesday, and the Defense man, said: "We regret the gov- called the charges a "frame-Ministry ordered all of its jet fighters to ernment's decision to formally up" and, in an interview, chidstop using the type of air-to-air missile charge Chinese democracy ac- ed Beijing for fearing dissent.

The pilot of the destroyed single-seat F-"Such a big country, such a big party and yet they cannot 15 fighter, the mainstay of Japan's air tolerate one or two words of force, parachuted safely, was plucked from criticism. They're too fragile." the water by a fishing boat and was later

seeking missile, an AIM-9L Sidewinder. Defense Ministry said in a statement. was fired by an F-15 and hit the plane in front of it during training over the Sea of Japan.

The other F-15 landed at its home base.

A ministry official said he did not know how the missile went off and could not say what caused the accident.

picked up by an air force rescue heli- 'safe' position inside the cockpit of the aircraft that fired the missile, and the min-Defense Ministry officials said a heat- istry does not know what happened," the

The F-15 that fired the missile was armed with two AIM-9Ls. Training is normally conducted with only mock missiles, but the aircraft concerned was armed because it had just been on scramble alert, to be used by a standby crew in case of an "The master arm switch was on the intrusion into Japanese airspace.

Colombo, did not land 70 min-

utes later at the Palali military

base in the northern Jaffina

The aircraft disappeared

Prince Is Accused of Terrorism

PHNOM PENH - A prince accused of plotting to assassinate one of Cambodia's two prime ministers. Hun Sen, will face charges of terrorism and forming an illegal armed organization, a senior Interior Ministry official said Wednes-

The official, who demanded anonymity, said Prince Norodom Sirivudh, a half-brother of King Norodom Sihanouk, could receive a 15-year prison sentence if convicted of the charges.

The official, who said he had seen a copy of the arrest warrant issued by the municipal court, added that it accused Prince Sirivudh, a former foreign minister and a critic of the government, of plotting to "destroy" the government. (AP)

Kim Jong Il Stepping Out

SEOUL - North Korea's reclusive leader, Kim Jong II, has stepped up the pace of his public appearances, prompting speculation that he may be preparing to replace his late father in top posts. Mr. Kim. 53, has rarely been seen since his father, Kim Il Sung. died in July 1994.

His failure to assume his father's posts as president and head of the ruling Workers' Party have spawned questions about possible health problems or a power struggle in one of the world's most secretive societies.

The North's official Korea Central News Agency reported Sunday that Mr. Kim met with North Korean journalists. Wednesday, it said he also met with internal security police. judges and prosecutors. The participants, the agency added, welcomed Mr. Kim with cheers of "Hurrah!" (AP)

Sikhs Blamed in Indian Blast

NEW DELHI - A Sikh militant group claimed responsibility Wednesday for a bomb attack near a crowded restaurant in the Indian capital and warned of more attacks soon, the Press Trust of India said.

The news agency said it received a message saying that the explosion Tuesday, in which 20 persons were wounded, was set off by the Khalistan Liberation Tigers' Force. The statement said the bomb avenged attacks on Sikhs following the 1984 assassination of Indira Gandhi by two Sikh bodyguards.

The message was reported to continue: 'Our next target is the Parliament. We have assigned suicide squads." (AFP)

For the Record

The Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club has decided not to drop the word "royal" from its name. Club members decided to remain "royal" after a resolution to change the name, which required 75 percent approval to be adopted, won 74

Taiwan put 18 new fighters and 4 airborne warning planes into service Wednesday to bolster air defenses. The fighters were built in Taiwan; the E-2T warning planes, bought from the United States, arrived in Taiwan this fall.

VOICES From Asia

Kim Young Sam, president of South Korea, on changing the name of the governing Democratic Liberal Party: "The ruling party must end old-style politics, improve its image and he rehorn as a new party."

(AFP)

Charis Subiyantowas, chief judge of the Administrative Appeal Court of Indonesia, upholding a ruling to lift the ban on the weekly Tempo magazine: "We fully base our verdict on the law. There was no intimidation from other parties." Gunawan Mohamad, former editor in chief of Tempo: "This is not only a win for Tempo, but once again a victory for the law above power."

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The Associated Press COLOMBO — A military transport plane carrying more than 60 men was missing Wednesday, and government of-ficials said they feared it had been shot down by Tamil Tiger

Military officials became alarmed when the AN-32 transport, which took off Wednesday evening from the capital,

Pakistan Arrests 2 In Bombing

He said two men were taken

Some of Egypt's most-wanttaken refuge in Afghanistan and travel freely into Pakistan.

sponsibility for Sunday's embassy bombing.
The police Wednesday re-

ported the arrest of two leaders of a Muslim group that Wash-soldiers captured the main road ington considers a terrorist or- to rebel-held territory east of ganization. They are Zia Jaffna military officials said. Rehman Faruqi and Azim Tariq They said four rebels wen of the Soldiers of the Friends of the Prophet, who were arrested mines and booby traps in Jaffna Tuesday in the murder of an fired on a truck loaded with influential politician last week. weapons and ammunition,

ISLAMABAD. Pakistan — The police have arrested the first force rebels holed up inside the

into custody Tuesday in Peshawar, a city near the Afghan choppy waters by boat must get border. Officials refused to iden- permission from the military tify the two, but a police source area commander. Violators can said they were Egyptians.

One is Mustafa Shawki Islamboli, who is believed to head the militant wing of one of the Islamic Group, one of three ghost town over the past three organizations that claimed re-

from the radar screen when it was flying over the island of Karaitivu, 16 kilometers from Palali. The pilot asked the air-port tower if the runway lights were on before losing contact, they said. Last week, Tamil rebels

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aboard boats shot down a Y-8 military plane, killing five of the six crew members. Government forces, meanwhile, fought their way house by house through the Tamil stronghold of Jaffna on Wednesday and cut off the only route for guerrilla reinforcements to reach the city, the military said.

suspects in a suicide bombing nearly surrounded city to cross that destroyed the Egyptian Embassy and killed 16 people, a want to flee, officials said on security officer said Wednes- condition of anonymity. The military declared the lagoon a prohibited zone and said civilians wishing to cross the

The capture of the road will

be shot. Before the offensive began, ed militants have reportedly the rebels operated a ferry service across the lagoon to help civilians cross to the militarycontrolled mainland,

Jaffna, once a city of 120,000 people, has become nearly a weeks as residents fled the bloodiest offensive of the war. At least 49 guerrillas and a soldier were killed Wednesday.

They said four rebels were killed when troops clearing

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For the business visitor, most of the action is in three main locations north of the Thames, collectively known as Central London. The City, to the east, is the financial district, where the Bank of England, the Stock Exchange and other financial institutions are concentrated.

This fringes into the West End, which includes the theater district, raffish Sobo. Piccadilly Circus and Leicester Square; and dignified Mayfair and St. James's, where many of the finest hotels, restaurants and shops in the city are to be found.

A visitor who doesn't know the territory should buy a street guide at a news-stand or bookstore.

pleasant features is the extraordinary number and variety of parks: 387, totaling more than 2.5 hectares (20 acres) in Greater London.

A Getting Around

Allow plenty of time between appointments as the subway and buses can be

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The variety of spoken English heard in London is astounding. Standard Received English, or Oxford English, is what "proper" people use.

People born and raised in the East End of London speak a Cockney dialect that's thicker than "My Fair Lady" would lead you to believe. Most other Londoners speak in a generalized London accent.

A quarter of the central London population is of African, Asian or Caribbean origin; another sizable slice is from Continental Europe. They all have their own inflections. And then there are all the British regional accents. As a Cockney might say: "Gorblimey, myte, it's a Tower of bloody Bybel

Wining & Dining

Most Americans have enough knowledge of Britain to know that an elevator is a "lift" and an apartment is a "flat." but it is important for those doing business in London to know that to "call" means to pay a per-

LONDON IS THE CENTRAL sonal visit. For a phone call,

you "ring" or "ring up."
Where does one eat best in London? Mayfair, Knights-bridge and Chelsea all have their followers, but the news has been the rebirth of Soho as an eating center, with some leading chefs setting up there. The City, once a gastronomic wasteland, now has its share of good eateries as well.

London is better known for its Indian and other ethnic restaurants than for English cuisine, the subject of many jokes.

The following are respectable British restaurants, where gentlemen are expected to wear a tie and jacket; in the evenings, it is advisable to wear a suit. Ladies enjoy more latitude in their

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Shepherd, Marsham Court, Marsham Street. SW1. Tel.: 834-9552. Serves classics like roast beef. The clientele: members of Parliament keeping ears pricked for the bell that sends them running to vote in the nearby House of Commons. Lobbyists stay on to pick up the tab. Also popular with advertising ex-

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protest marches Tuesday by country, included a four-year unds in favor of "poor" uni-

He said an additional 200 would be spent annually on uni- als. versities, just a 10th of the sum demanded by the students.

You don't sort out problems by simply throwing biltions of taxpayers money at them," Mr. Bayrou said at a leaders. news conference.

Students are insisting on an immediate injection of funds. determination to cut the state deficit. France wants to cut the deficit to meet the criteria for be channeled to the poorer unijoining a single European currency in 1999.

The students vowed to join a nationwide general striké Fri- taken student ranks to 2.2 milday, which was called over Mr. Juppé's drastic plan to reform the debt-ridden welfare system and make civil servants con- come up with "clear solutions" tribute longer to qualify for a full pension. The strike will hit rail and air travelers as well as envoy to each university to disschools, post offices and other cuss problems with the stupublic services.

PARIS - France unveiled a would also stage a demonstraeform plan Wednesday to iron tion Nov. 30. More than 20.000 ut inequalities in its over- students and teachers marched rowded and understaffed uni- through the capital in the

"The minister must listen to trikes to squeeze more funding the students, the ball is in his court," the National Student Education Minister François Coordination Council said in a Bayrou's proposals, following statement after a rowdy meeting in Paris that went on until housands of students across the the early hours of Wednesday.

In Toulouse, where univerplan to redistribute existing sities have been at the forefront of the month-old protest, students and teachers voted to continue a freeze on lectures after million francs (\$40 million) hearing Mr. Bayrou's propos-

"Mr. Bayrou could hardly expect us to stop our movement as soon as he announces something that really has nothing for us.' said one of the student

Although Mr. pledged no more state spending than had already been budgetmaking their protests a test of ed, he did renew a promise to Prime Minister Alain Juppé's redistribute funds among the country's 90 universities.

He said more money would versities, which were created in the 1970s to absorb postwar baby-boomers and which have lion from 300,000 in 25 years.

Mr. Bayrou called on students to take part in talks to by the end of this year.

He also promised to send an



Prince Charles waving to a crowd Wednesday as he left a water-quality improvement award ceremony in London.

'My Dream Lover,' Officer Says of Diana

Tabloids Quote Hewitt's 'Friends'

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LONDON - James Hewitt, the cavalry officer nicknamed Major Rat by British newspapers, told his side of his affair with Diana, Princess of Wales, through "friends" on Wednesday, claiming she was the love of his life.

"Di was my dream lover. Romeo Hewitt tells how greatest affair of our lives' drove princess wild with passion," read the headline in the Daily Mirror.

Mr. Hewitt refused any public comment after Diana's sensational television interview. In it, she admitted to having committed adultery with Mr. Hewitt before her formal separation in 1992 from the heir to the throne, Prince Charles.

But the man widely condemned for his kiss-and-tell book of the affair in 1994 was quoted at length in tabloid newspapers, which said he had been speaking through friends.

We were deeply in love. In fact Diana was so in love with me that she even contemplated leaving Prince Charles for me, Mr. Hewitt was quoted as saying. "She said she wanted to marry me and have children. Most Britons had scoffed at Mr. Hewitt's claims in the book,

'Princess in Love'' - until Diana's confession Monday.' "Princess in Love" was thick with detail about a passionate five-year affair. Buckingham Palace dismissed the book as "worthless and grubby," and Mr. Hewitt was ostracized by his regiment and members of Diana's social set.

He now lives near his parents in southwest England, where he runs a riding stable.

Diana, meanwhile, was showcasing her skills as an ambassador for Britain on Wednesday, flying off to Argentina.

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The case grew out of a report in the Paris taxpayer, had asked the Paris prossatirical and investigative weekly Le Canard ecutor to investigate whether Mr. Chirac had buy it. 22.00 CET EVERY NIGHT.

Yeltsin Foe To Run for Chechen Leadership

MOSCOW - President Boris N. Yeltsin's old foe. Ruslan I. Khasbulatov, launched a bid Wednesday to become leader of the troubled region of Chechnya, but violence risked disrupting next month's elec-

speaker of the Russian Parliament, was nominated by his party in Chechnya, the People's Union for the Revival of the Republic, the Itar-Tass news agency said.
The leadership election.

which Chechen separatists have condemned as illegal and provocative, is set for Dec. 17. the same day as a vote for seats in Russia's State Duma, the lower chamber of Parliament. .

Mr. Khasbulatov, a leader of a 1993 parliamentary rebellion that Mr. Yeltsin crushed with tanks, told Tass he was alarmed by a series of recent bomb attacks in Grozny, the Chechen capital. The latest rocked the city center Wednesday morning, injuring two people.

There are some doubts

about just how seriously the elections are being prepared." said Mr. Khasbulatov, an ethnic Chechen. "I have my doubts, but if the elections go ahead I will not stand on the side-

Registration of candidates was due to start on Wednesday. It was not clear if Mr. Khasbulatov's name had been formally submitted to the electoral commission or who would stand against him. Russia's Ekho Moskvy radio

station said the current Moscowbacked Chechen government leader, Doku Zavgayev, had also been nominated. Mr. Zavgayev, who was slightly injured in a bomb at-

tack earlier this week, met Mr.

Yeltsin on Wednesday to dis-

cuss the elections and "increas-

ingly frequent provocative acts," Tass said. The agency said the bomb blast in Grozny was in the same area as the that hit Mr. Zavgayev's motorcade. Another bomb was dismantled near the pro-Moscow Chechen Interior

Ministry. Mr. Khasbulatov, a sharptongued former economics professor, enjoys significant sup-port in Chechnya as a politician who is no friend of the Krem-

He could now serve as a potential counterweight to Dzhokar Dudayev, who unilaterally declared Chechnya independent in 1991. Mr. Dudayev has been leading resistance to Russian troops who moved against him almost a year ago and eventually forced him to

retreat to the mountains. Thousands of people have been killed in the conflict, and casualty figures have been ris-

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Austrian Neo-Nazi's Sentence Cut

VIENNA — A five-member panel of Austria's Supreme Court on Wednesday reduced the 15-year prison sentence of a 32-year-old neo-Nazi convicted of trying to subvert the government to eight years.

Hans-Jörg Schimanek, son of a politician in the rightist Freedom Party of Jörg Haider, was convicted and sentenced

An eight-member jury had found Mr. Schimanek guilty of trying to subvert Austria's constitutional government. He had pleaded guilty to engaging in neo-Nazi activities as a member of a rightist group. But he denied being a leading member of the radical People's Extraparliamentary Opposition. (AP)

Turkey Presses EU on Trade Pact

BONN - Turkey's foreign minister, Deniz Baykal, on Wednesday urged the European Union to approve a longdelayed customs agreement next month, saying that more waiting would send the wrong signal to Turkish voters. The European Parliament is due to vote on the agreement

Irish Support for Divorce Drops

DUBLIN - Support for the introduction of divorce in Ireland continued to slip Wednesday in the run-up to a Friday referendum that will decide whether the republic remains the only European country where divorce is illegal.

An opinion poll conducted by the Irish Times showed 45 percent for divorce, down 7 percent from a survey two weeks

Opposition to divorce was running 42 percent, up 7 percent, and 13 percent remained undecided.

Far Right Gains in Austrian Poll

VIENNA - A quarter of Austrians back the extreme right Freedom Party in next month's general election, while support for the governing Social Democrats has slipped to a post-

World War II low, an opinion poll said on Wednesday The Social Democrats had a mere 30 percent of voter backing, a drop from 32 percent earlier this month, a survey published in Austria's daily Der Standard said. (Reuters)

Papandreou's Health Improves

ATHENS - Prime Minister Andreas Papandreou of Greece spent his second restful night after being hospitalized with pneumonia, hospital officials said Wednesday.

They said the 76-year-old prime minister would undergo new medical tests on Wednesday.

European Union events scheduled for Thursday:

BRUSSELS: President Martti Athisaari of Finland makes an official visit.

BRUSSELS: European Commissioner of finance. Yves-Thibault de Silguy, meets Slovakia's deputy prime minister,

LONDON: Commissioner Emma Bonino meets with Baroness Chalker, Britain's minister of state for overseas

DUBLIN: Padraig Flynn, the commissioner for social affairs, and Proinsias de Rossa, the minister for social wel-

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TOPICS

Growing Debate Over Euthanasia

"In legal terms, I am a killer." With those simple words, the Belgian confessed to having asked a doctor six years ago to help end his mother's life and spare her the suffering brought on by a terminal case of cancer.

Euthanasia is a crime in Belgium. Yet, this jarring confession had come from no less than a member of government, Health Minister Marcel Colla, "She was suf-fering horribly," he said. So I told the attending physician that it had to end. A day and a half later, she was

Mr. Colla could be charged with a premeditated crime, though that appears unlikely, reports the daily Le Monde of Paris. The last time a euthanasia case reached the judicial system was four years ago, after a doctor had administered a lethal injection to a friend whose wasting disease had reduced him to a mere 38 kilograms (74 pounds). That case never came to trial, reflecting a deep ambivalence among lawmakers and health-care providers.

According to a Belgian medical journal, more than half of physicians favor active euthanasia upon a patient's request. Others op-pose this 'Dutch-style' approach, saying it could lead to abuses; they say doctors should instead prescribe painkillers more liberally to those in their final agonies.

But Mr. Colla, who touched off this controversy, is adamant. "Euthanasia is a daily practice in our hospihe said. The hypocrisy has got to stop."

Around Europe

Women in the Church of England won the right three years ago to be ordained as priests: now they want to break through what they say

is the "glass ceiling" that keeps them from becoming

bishops. There are now 1,500 female priests, most in parttime or unpaid positions. They say they have encountered discrimination and are prevented from rising through church ranks.

Christina Rees, a member of the Ministry of Women, a lobbying group, said she would take the matter to church leaders at an upcoming synod. "Until women are sitting in the House of Bishops," she says, "the church will not be able to represent the whole people of God."

Whales have begun returning to the Mediterranean basin, according to several environmental monitoring groups. It is no longer rare. reports Le Figaro of Paris, for sailors, especially at night, to hear the telltale whistling of one of the giant cetaceans passing by. The principal reasons: an effective fight against the use of drift nets, and climatic conditions that have favored the growth of

It has become increasingly common for people in London — well, at least in the journalistic and publishing worlds — to take their dogs with them to the office, Chrissy lley writes in The Sunday Times. At John Brown Publishing in west London, five of 45 employees bring their dogs along. And at Country Life magazine, there are said to be nearly as many dog baskets as desks.

People say the canine presence lowers stress - one can't be too angry in the presence of a tail-wagging, bigeyed pooch. Sometimes colleagues walk each other's dogs, which is relaxing for all concerned. And a dog can easily be slipped into a spot just under the desk, unlike. say, a baby.

But there are drawbacks. During an editorial meeting at one magazine, staff members had trouble concentrating when the deputy editor's West Highland terrier showed amorous interest in a

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Peres Dares Assad to Make Peace

He Urges Syria to Take Lead on Overall Settlement

By Serge Schmemann

JERUSALEM - Prime Minister Shimon Peres on Wednesday challenged President Hafez Assad of Syria to not only make peace with Israel, but also to take the lead in concluding a comprehensive peace in the Middle East.

In a speech to Parliament introducing his new cabinet, and in a subsequent interview, Mr. Peres declared his intention of going beyond another agreement that would exchange land for peace, and seeking instead to have Syria lead the Arab world in an all-inclusive regional settlement by the end of the century

"I wish to say to Syrian President Hafez al-Assad that there is no longer any logic to war between us," Mr. Peres said before the Parliament, shortly before being sworn in as the

I would like to propose to for peace and security. the president of Syria that we each do our utmost to put an end to the era of wars in the Middle East, and to make clear that peace between Syria and Israel can create the historic opportunity to bring a comprehensive peace to the whole region. The be sure that that's it. negotiations with Syria can acquire the character of a comprehensive regional peace, and in every sphere — political, strategic and economic."

The initiative followed several indications in the controlled Syrian press of a new interest in reopening peace bring belligerence to a total talks with Israel. In an interend, Mr. Peres said. The view later Wednesday after- prime minister said be intended noon in the prime minister's to use all levels of his govofficial office that he was using ernment in pursuing the negofor the first time, bare of dec- tiations, signaling a break from orations except for a map of the deadlocked approach under Israel and an Israeli flag, Mr. Mr. Rabin, which was limited Peres elaborated on his motives

> During the session of the 120-member Knesser, Israel's pointed Uri Savir, his chief ne-Parliament, Mr. Peres won ap- gotiator with the Palestinians, proval for his new government. as coordinator of all peace In a show of unity after the talks, and another top aide, assassination of Yitzhak Rabin. Yossi Beilin, is expected to the legislature approved Mr. play a major role as a minister Peres's new government by a without portfolio in the prime margin of 62 to 8, with 38 ab- minister's office. stentions. Many opposition leg-islators had said they would ab-invent and create and not to stain rather than vote against hang from the cliffs of yester-Mr. Peres, reasoning that gov- day. Mr. Peres said. ernments should be changed by ballots, not bullets.

After two days of arduous and speeches to launch his new Jerusalem: government, he appeared ex- Mr. Rabin's assassination, sticks as he talked of the open-conspiracy of Jewish extrem-ists, was planned entirely by the

internal rifts, and of his pre-decessor, Mr. Rabin, whose as-brother and depended on no brother Hagai Amir, is accomsassination on Nov. 4. brought Mr. Peres back to the helm of Israeli government at the age of

Mr. Peres said he did not know what was behind Syria's new signals, but one possibility was that the assassination of Mr. Rabin brought home to the Syrians that the Israelis were not bluffing when they spoke of brothers, to assassinate the political resistance at home, as prime minister — the two Mr. Assad seemed to assume in

The Syrians saw that the assassination "demonstrated the depth of division, and also that probably kill, Palestinians, estime is running out." Mr. Peres said he would explore various approaches when he meets with President Bill Clinton in Washington next month.

His intention, however, was to go beyond the immediate issue, which is Syria's demand for a return of the Golan Heights versus Israel's demand

You see, the idea of land for peace has lost a little bit," he said. "We would like to be sure we're talking about all the peace in all the places, because the conflict with Syria is the last in the row, and we would like to

For Mr. Assad, a broader approach has the advantage of appearing to justify his being the last of Israel's neighbors to make peace.

"President Assad has the opportunity to have something extra because he and we can really to ambassadors and military

Mr. Peres has already ap-

■ Conspiracy Denied Barton Gellman of The political negotiations, meetings Washington Post reported from

hausted and drawn, sipping on a attributed at first by the police glass of tea with two cinnamon and prosecutors to an organized

"I don't think there was a conspiracy," Mr. Shahal said the prime minister from harm. Wednesday in a hallway of Is
Behind closed doors in rael's Parliament. "There was a group of persons who organized for two aims: the inner one, which included the two brothers, to assassinate the brothers and probably one or two who knew but were not active - and the larger group

not a conspiracy."

The statement marked a complete retreat by Mr. Shahal from his earlier theory that the assassination came about as a result of a conspiracy. He did not explain what had changed his mind. He broke off the impromptu discussion before he could be questioned about it.

The emerging theory of a sin-gle gumman, Yigal Amir. whose

other active support. Police panied by growing evidence of Minister Moshe Shahal said a multiple failure of intellince and execution by the forces charged with protecting

> Behind closed doors in a commission of inquiry at which a retired Supreme Court chief justice, Meir Shamgar, is pre-siding, police and Shin Bet of-ficials have testified that they did not follow their standard procedure of "sterilizing" the parking lot around Mr. Rabin's chauffered Cadillac, where Yigal Amir awaited him. Mr. Amir was permitted to

pecially police officers. It was stand undisturbed at the bottom of the only staircase from Mr. Rabin's stage. No one inter-cepted him as he approached the descending prime minister with rapid strides, unholstered a 9mm Beretta, and, according to new forensic evidence, pressed the gun against Mr. Rabin's back before he fired. Mr. Rabin "felt the gun before he felt the bullet," an investigator told Is-



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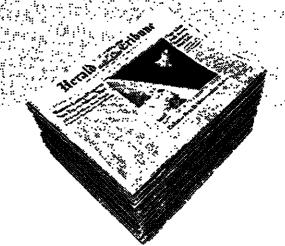
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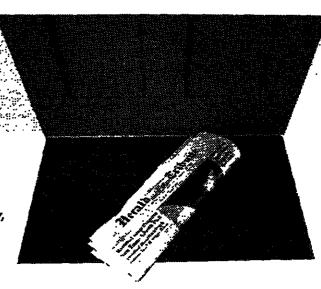
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Rosemary West was found tion as the verdicts were read. guilty Wednesday of seven more murders of women and on each of the 10 counts with girls who were found dismem- which you have been unani-

English Woman Guilty

Of 10 Serial Murders

pered and buried at her home, mously convicted by the jury, Britain's so-called "House of the sentence is one of life im-Horrors.

of 10 murders, which included Mantell told her. hose of her daughter and steplaughter. She was found guilty of three murders on Tuesday.

New President Is Finally Elected In Tanzania

Reuters airve for brutal abuse before their deaths, included a Christian Scholar, a Swiss tourist and a number of runaways.

"My client is totally devantaged on Wednesday after be ania on Wednesday after he von 61.8 percent of the vote.

The results showed that Mr. fkapa, a former journalist, forign minister and ambassador, support of her children," her lefeated the anti-graft camaigner Augustine Mrema who von 27.8 percent of the vote.

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Reuters Staring at the floor, the plump WINCHESTER, England — mother of eight showed no emo-

"Rosemary Pauline West prisonment. If attention is paid Mrs. West, 41, was sento what I think, you will never enced to life in prison for each be released," Judge Charles

> The jury of seven men and four women took almost 13 hours over three days to reach their unanimous verdicts, end-

> ing an eight-week trial.
> The victims included Mrs. West's 8-year-old stepdaughter, Charmaine, and her own first-born child, Heather. The other victims, whom

> Mrs. West and her husband abducted, bound, gagged and kept

astated and wept uncontrollably after hearing the jury. She continues to maintain her innoporters outside the court.

Her husband, Frederick, confessed to police for up to 20 murders and apparently hanged ent, and John Cheyo, leader of himself in jail before he could

He had told police that he The new leader will take over alone was responsible for all the lassan Mwinyi who is stepping ies of his first wife, Rena, and a

But he later told a confidente Inder constitutional require- he had made a pact to protect

"All I have is my life, I will give it for you my darling," he Poor organization prevented any people from voting on kind of suicide note. When

The judge had told them that The polls were chaotic, and Mrs. West was as guilty as her he National Electoral Com-

harmed or killed.

By John Pomfret Washington Post Service

BELGRADE — On May 2, 1993. President Slobodan Milosevic of Serbia journeyed to Greece to cajole his nationalist protégé, Radovan Karadzic, into signing a document that was supposed to end the war in

Mr. Karadzic complied. The European Union negotiator, David Owen, called the signature "a commitment to peace" and many people went home thinking Bosnia's war was

But later that month, the Parliament of the self-proclaimed Bosnian Serbian state turned the deal down and the war continued. Mr. Milosevic failed in his attempt to deliver the Bosnian Serbs.

Thirty-one months and thouof dramatic negotiations at Wright-Patterson Air Force goslavia's wars of secession, it Tribunal in the Hague.

bian president can bring to heel the men he unleashed to carry - forms the critical next step in out his dream of creating a the process jump-started by the Greater Serbia and start the pro- Dayton talks. cess of bringing peace to Bosnia and the rest of former

- Can Mr. Milosevic deliver?

If Mr. Milosevic fails, ac-

cording to Richard C. Hol-

brooke, the U.S. assistant sec-

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If he succeeds, then his ma-

neuvers could trigger the de-ployment of up to 60,000 North

Atlantic Treaty Organization

troops and a massive U.S. and

European-led effort to stabilize

ry. More important to the Ser-

bian president, it will cause the

suspension of United Nations

economic sanctions on Ser-

bian-led Yugoslavia, which

have crippled its economy,

once the strongest in Eastern

Soon after Mr. Milosevic signed the document Tuesday, members of the Bosnian Ser-

bian leadership were lambasting the deal. And Bosnian Serbian officials from their self-

styled capital of Pale said the

Parliament could be meeting

over the weekend to discuss the

plan. It was an ominous an-

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Twice since Bosnia's war be- retary of state who negotiated gan in April 1992, Mr. Milo- the lion's share of the deal, then sevic has signed or backed no U.S. soldiers will be sent in peace plans to end the fighting in the region to guarantee the the mountainous country to his peace and "the war resumes" west. Twice the Bosnian Serbs have squirmed out of the deal. Now Mr. Milosevic's task is American diplomatic prestige

complicated by a section in the and the future of European se-Dayton plan banning individ- curity. uals indicted for war crimes from holding important political or military positions. As such, Mr. Milosevic not

only has to ensure that the Bosnian Serbs agree to the plan, but he also has to find someone finally a region that has been to replace Mr. Karadzic and the ravaged by three wars this censands of lives later, the question charismatic and extremely popremains the same. After 22 days ular Ratko Mladic, the military leader of the Bosnian Serbs. Both men have been indicted

Base in Dayton, Ohio, and the for crimes against humanity by conclusion of a deal to end Yu- the International War Crimes

Unlikely Ever to Be Tried Los Angeles Times Service

peace agreement pledged Tues-day to "cooperate fully" with The pro ers to death in Nuremberg after for war crimes by the tribunal. World War II.

The agreement states em-'those individuals charged with war crimes will be ex-cluded from political life."

careers of Radovan Karadzic, judging the accused. leader of the Bosnian Serbs, and

the indictments will make them from justice.

WASHINGTON — While Security Council resolutions,

The problem of cooperation the United Nations War Crimes was underscored a week ago Tribunal in The Hague, it is when President Franjo Tudjdoubtful that there will be the man of Croatia promoted one of kind of showcase trials that his army officers only a day condemned a dozen Nazi lead- after the soldier was indicted

While the concept of war crimes and punishment has a phatically, as President Bill long history, it is also murky. In Clinton put it Tuesday, that most cases the victors have imposed the punishment on the vanguished. The new tribunal is the first recorded instance of an This should end the political independent international body

General Ratko Mladic, their cused person in custody, a Serb military commander, both in- turned over to the court by Ger-While it is doubtful that the in a few months. The more than two men would be turned over 50 other indicted Serbs and

> With this deal, his jig is up. He's or another.



Jacques Blot, left, France's envoy to the talks, initialing the pact with Richard Holbrooke of the U.S.

U.S. Bullied, Envoys Say

DAYTON, Ohio — The United States scored a major diplomatic coup in getting Balkan leaders to agree to a Bosnian peace, but three weeks of hard-nosed pressure by the United States left many of the negotiators smarting.

"We're all fed up and very happy its over." a senior German diplomat said after emerging from the talks, which took place on a military air base in what U.S. negotiators refer to as a closeted "diplomatic biosphere."

European partners in the Contact Group -Britain, France, Germany and Russia - complained of being kept barely abreast of what was going on, while Balkan leaders said they were bullied. "Everybody at some stage got shouted at," a diplomat said.

Secretary of State Warren M. Christopher conceded Tuesday that pressure factics were at times used to keep the participants talking. "I must say that from time to time we urged them to do that in fairly strong terms," he said.

There were also diplomatic blunders. Mohammed Sacirbey, the outgoing Bosnian foreign minister, said delegates were "treated like children." At one stage, the Americans placed a soccer ball in a field between Bosnian government and Bosnian Serbian lodgings in the hope of engaging the two sides in a friendly game. The Serbs have "murdered our children and raped our wives," Mr. Sacirbey said, "and the Americans expect us to play soccer with them. This is Western arrogance at its worst.

Top War-Crime Suspects

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3 U.S. Diplomats Share Credit for Bosnia Deal effort was gaining momentum. Another that he was effectively "cut out" of key gotiations to closure. This was partly the

By Michael Dobbs

DAYTON, Ohio - The Bosnian ace agreement was the handiwork of Although Mr. Karadzic was three U.S. diplomats with vastly difconspicuously silent about the ferent personalities and negotiating accord, his No. 2 man, Momcilo skills: the late Robert C. Frasure, Richard C. Holbrooke and Warren M.

As the head of the American nemailing and servile." Mr. Kragotiating team in Dayton and the man who conducted weeks of exhausting shuttle diplomacy in Balkan capitals in 'We have warned President the fall, Mr. Holbrooke is likely to reap much of the credit for bringing off a deal right to sign such a plan. Our to end the 31/2-year Bosnian civil war. delegation has not accepted the But U.S. and Balkan officials agree that the deal would not have been possible without months of patient preparatory work by Mr. Frasure and the particyears now," said a Western ipation of Secretary of State Christopher diplomat, "Milosevic has been in the climactic stages of the negoti-

playing cat and mouse with ations. Working while President Bill Clinton for trial, UN officials believe Croats are considered fugitives day he criticizes them, the next was eager to avoid Balkan entanglements, Mr. Frasure conducted more than 100 hours of negotiations with President Slobodan Milosevic of Serbia in the spring. The diplomat died in a car ac-

key member of the U.S. negotiating team, Joseph Kruzel, was killed in the same accident.

With his sharp mind and dry sense of humor, Mr. Frasure is credited by many U.S. officials with being the intellectual force behind the Clinton administration's belated realization that a Bosnian peace settlement could not be achieved without active American leadership. Working as Mr. Holbrooke's deputy in the State Department's European bu-Balkan affairs when other officials re-

an Serbs and Mr. Milosevic, who fanned the flames of the Serb rebellion in 1991 and 1992 with his calls for all Serbs to be permitted to live in a single state.

While Mr. Frasure was shuttling beboss seemed to be tiring of both Bosnia and the State Department. The subject of hosts. incessant State Department gossip, Mr. According to several accounts, al-Holbrooke was reported to be on the

White House meetings in July as the Clinton administration began to re-examine its Balkan policy after the Serbs' brutal capture of the UN "safe area" of

Mr. Hoibrooke's powerful personality and zest for always being at the center of the action grated on White House officials, including the national security adviser, W. Anthony Lake, whom he has known since the Vietnam war. But the same qualities proved to be rean, he was given responsibility for a valuable asset when the administration was looking for someone to negotiate garded the assignment as a poisoned directly with Balkan warlords.

During his two-month Balkan shuttle U.S. officials credit Mr. Frasure and and 20 days of sequestration at Wright-Mr. Holbrooke with the strategy of seek- Patterson Air Force Base, Mr. Holing to drive a wedge between the Bosni- brooke has impressed friends and enemies alike with his seemingly inexhaustible energy, frequently working 16-to-18-hour days.

Known around the State Department 'Raging Bull,' he is one of the few tween Washington and Belgrade, his U.S. diplomats with the ability to match the level of truculence of his Balkan

cident on a mountain road above Sara- verge of quitting the European bureau diplomatic heavy lifting at the Dayton advances took place when the secretary jevo in August, just as the American and returning to Wall Street. Friends say talks, he was unable to bring the ne- was in Dayton.

result of his relatively junior rank in the administration: as an assistant secretary of state, he is the fourth rung down in the State Department pecking order. Mr. Holbrooke concluded early on that, in order to get a deal, he would have to bring in the secretary of state.
U.S. officials and Balkan delegates

said that Mr. Christopher made a key contribution in securing a settlement on eastern Slavonia, the last remaining territorial dispute between Croatia and Ser-

He was also intimately involved in the final stage of the negotiations.

Although Mr. Christopher's relations with Mr. Holbrooke have been strained in the past, the two worked together effectively during the current negoti-

In contrast to Mr. Holbrooke, who was on first-name terms with most of the delegates, Mr. Christopher took care to address them by their formal titles. His quiet manner and attention to

detail - as well as his senior position in the administration - clearly impressed the Balkan leaders.

U.S. officials said that most of the key

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address future banking fail-

Japanese officials said, and

analysts agreed, that Tokyo Ky-odo would probably differ in key aspects from the Resolution

Trust Corp., although details on just how were sketchy. "They may mean something revolu-

tionary by Japanese standards.

but it is dangerous to give the

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said Alicia Ogawa, a banking

analyst at Salomon Brothers

She said it was "definitely a

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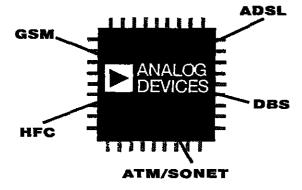
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EUROPE: Embarrassing Lesson

butions to many aspects of this peace deal," Mr. Kinkel said.
France's foreign minister, Hervé de Charette, chastized U.S.-led military in the content of th the United States, saying it impeded efforts to reach a diplomatic solution at an earlier stage. The fact is that the Americans looked at this affair in ex-Yugoslavia from a great distance for nearly four years and basically blocked the progression of things," he said. Mr. de Charette blamed American skepticism toward Europe's own mediation attempts and its campaign to lift the arms embargo against Bosnia's mostly Muslim government. The Europeans strongly rejected that approach because they believed it would escalate the war.

President Jacques Chirac took a more forceful line against Bosnian Serb aggression and sent a new rapid reaction force to bolster United Nations peacekeepers that the chain of events was set in motion toward the peace settlement that was signed Tuesday.

The Americans, Mr. de Charette said, refrained from playing a lead role in that initiative or by sending ground troops at the time "no doubt due to domestic political consider- let alone alter traditional patterns ations in light of coming elec-tions" for the U.S. presidency.

Prime Minister Alain Juppé. meanwhile, contended that the Dayton peace accord devised during three weeks of intensive negotiations "looks like the twin of a European plan that was presented 18 months ago." A French government spokesthat the peace plan ultimately agreed upon by the warring parties was "the fruit, in particular, of French determination."

French and other European States should not be allowed to illness "aren't enough on their reap all of the glory for the own," she said. "We need a peace deal. The Americans, vision of what it would be to live they say, must bear some responsibility for standing aside while nearly a quarter of a million people, mostly civilians, were killed.

She said she was especially dumbfounded by the finding that more than one-third of the patients died in pain. "We

Only when the belligerents succumbed to war fatigue and this for postoperative infecthe Bosnian Serbs suffered setions," she said.

rious territorial setbacks at the hands of advancing Croatian forces did the United States denied that Europe was 'squeezed out'' by the exercise seize the opportunity to press of American power. "We were for a comprehensive resolution able to make decisive contri-

While European countries play a supporting role in the U.S.-led military force that will .-led military force that will monitor the terms of the peace deal, EU officials say their role may now be reduced to rounding up donors for the \$6 billion onstruction plan in Bosnia.

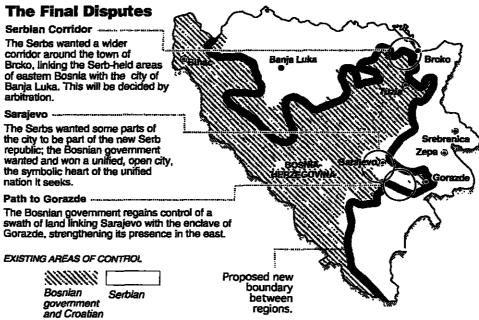
■ UN Sanctions Vote The Security Council voted Wednesday to suspend economic sanctions against Serbia and Montenegro and to lift gradually the arms embargo on all former Yugoslav republics over a six-month period. Reuters reported from the United Nation in New York.

The Final Disputes Serbian Corridor

The Serbs wanted a wider corridor around the town of Brcko, linking the Serb-held areas of eastern Bosnia with the city of Banja Luka. This will be decided by

The Serbs wanted some parts of the city to be part of the new Serb republic; the Bosnian government wanted and won a unified, open city, the symbolic heart of the unified nation it seeks. Path to Gorazde

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scalate the war. He said it was only when DEATH: Care in the Final Hours Is Falling Short

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belief that if you gave people the opportunity and the information to do things right, they would take that opportunity. But noth-ing really has changed over the five years we've been studying these things. We're stuck on this

The results suggest how difficult it is to get doctors, patients and families to talk about dying. of intensive care in hospitals.

We underestimated the weight of habit," said Joanne Lynn, director of the Center to Improve Care of the Dying at George Washington University Medical Center, the study's other co-leader. She said doctors and patients alike have to learn to talk more openly about pain, man, Alain Lamoussoure, also death and the risks as well as quoted Mr. Juppé as having said benefits of medical technology. There are no simple answers for how to do that, she said.

Living wills and other advance directives on what kinds of treatment a person wants in officials argue that the United the event of an incapacitating well in the shadow of death."

patients died in pain. "We would never tolerate rates like

Only a public outcry can change entrenched patterns of care and attitudes about dying.

experiment that gave doctors and families special help. A nurse was assigned to each case

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Mr. Knaus said hospitals and doctors should regard a painful, prolonged death in an ICU as "a bad outcome," like a misdiagnosed cancer or an over-looked infection. When people die after pro-

longed suffering, the doctors say, 'We did everything we could,' "he said. "They don't 'We put this person through hell before he died. "Death used to be the en-

that are worse than death.' All of the more than 9,000 patients in the study had one or more of nine severe illnesses, such as coma, respiratory failure, congestive heart failure or colon cancer. Their average life expectancy was six months.

The study was based on repeated interviews with patients, family members and physicians and extensive reviews of medical charts. Phase 1 described the problem: Communication between patients and doctors was poor and decisions about when to stop treatment came too late, if at all. Phase 2 tried to

do something about it.
Half of the 4,804 parients in
Phase 2 were treated as usual. The other half were part of an der written into their charts.

to discuss pain control and keep lines of communication open between patient and doctor.

Doctors received detailed, computer-generated estimates of the patient's probability of surviving six months, along with written information about the patient's treatment wishes.

Researchers expected that the added information and nurseexpedited communication between doctors and patients would result in earlier decisions emy" in medical training, he about treatment, less time spent added. "It was the worst thing in a coma or on a mechanical that could happen. Now we ventilator, better pain relief and know we can create outcomes reduced hospital costs. None of that happened.

'The system really didn't move at all," Mr. Knaus said. 'No one was listening. No one was talking. It's very unlikely we're going to be able to solve this problem one-on-one." Fewer than half the doctors

reviewed the prognostic report, and fewer than one-quarter reviewed the patient's preferences. Only 41 percent of patients reported talking to their doctors about prognosis or

tients' refusals of life-prolonging treatments. Nearly half of the patients who wanted cardiopulmonary resuscitation stability. It will cause conflict some of their major climate deposit money in Kizu.

HONG KONG:

China would need to establish its own legislative body to approve laws it sought to have on the books when it regained control of the city of 6 million

The need to appoint senior judges, replace laws that Beijing rejects and pass a budget for the fiscal year starting in July 1997 makes it "essential to establish" the Special Autonomous Region legislature before that date, Sir Sze Yuen

The speech, delivered to the Hong Kong Management Association on Tuesday night, dominated local media reports Wednesday and brought condemnation from a wide range of representatives in Hong Kong's Legislative Council.

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The ministry said it would

China "wants to bring in a think that is in the interest of the

recipe for disaster?"

crises, as the country did not have an entity that was solely responsible for handling fail-ures. Up to now, she said, Japan's banking authorities had improvised when confronted

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proposed raising the ceiling on the amount of funds that Japan's Deposit Insurance Sys-. tem, an emergency fund set up by the nation's banks and credit unions, could provide to write off bad loans left by failed financial institutions. A bad loan is defined as one given to a borrower that subsequently went bankrupt or one in which no interest has been paid for at least six months. But such a

with bank failures.

in Japanese law.
"Kizu's problem is so serious that it's difficult to handle with our current procedures." said Mr. Nishimura. He said some officials wanted to withdraw about 500 billion yen from the Deposit Insurance System for Kizu.

change would require a revision

The credit union had recoverable nonperforming loans of : 230 billion yen, the ministry

The ministry said it would press Sanwa Bank and other 🐠 🤼 legislature before 1997. I don't major banks with close business ties to Kizu to aid in the?

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A fellow legislator. Emily Lau, was equally critical of the confusion that rival administrative bodies could greate the confusion of the confusion that rival administrative bodies could greate the confusion of the confusion that rival administrative bodies could greate the confusion of the Osaka Prefecture, Kizu's oftive bodies could create. "It will be bad for business," she

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Bank partly responsible for told Reuters. "It will be bad for stability. It will cause conflict some of their major clients to

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A Difficult Peace Ohio are honored in Balkan cities and villages in the months ahead, Europe's worst conflict since World War II will come to an end. It will not be a moment too soon. As President Bill Clinton said in announcing the peace agreement, "the people of Bosnia finally have a chance to turn from the horror of war to

the promise of peace." A brutal war it has been. During 43 months of combat and ethnic violence, more than a quarter of a million people died and 2 million were forced to flee their homes. Thousands of civilians were killed or tortured in a succession of sickening atrocities.

The peace initialed Tuesday by the leaders of Bosnia, Serbia and Croaria was not easy to reach and will be difficult to enforce.

It represents the imperfect political resolution of a conflict that, while launched by cynical politicians, quickly brought into play ancient ethnic animosities. As such it is a fragile peace, one that will require the support not only of the peoples of Bosnia but of America and the rest of the world.

Though Bosnia nominally remains a unified country within its previous borders, it has in effect been sliced into two

or more pieces. Half its territory will remain for now under the control of the Bosnian Serbian forces that seized it early in the war. The other half is allocated to an unstable federation of Muslim-led government forces and Croatian militias that have been at odds in the past and could become so again.

The best hope is that given time, and the removal from the political scene of the indicted war criminals who have now been barred from office, the country could eventually be united again.

The Bosnian presidency, Parliament and other institutions of national goverument that now exist mainly on paper might then exercise real power. It is just as likely that the fragmentation of Bosnia will worsen. But that would not necessarily mean a resumption of warfare.

Americans can take justified pride in Washington's leading role in bringing about a settlement. By deciding earlier

If the commitments made Tuesday in this year to commit its prestige and power to achieving the peace that had for so long eluded European mediators, the Clinton administration has reclaimed leadership

> in Atlantic affairs. Special credit in the diplomatic endgame goes to Assistant Secretary of State Richard Holbrooke, who seized on a turn in military fortunes to get the parties into serious negotiations, and Secretary of State Warren Christopher, who shepherded this month's peace conference in Day-

ton. Ohio, to a successful conclusion. There is little time for congratulations. Difficult and dangerous tasks lie ahead, beginning with the issue of sending American ground troops to help enforce the peace. Logistically, this deployment could begin as soon as 96 hours after the peace agreement is signed, most likely in Paris next month.

But before any troops are sent, President Clinton must make the case to Congress and the American people that this mission is necessary and prudent.

It is both. Having brought the com-batants this far, Washington cannot now walk away from the peace it brokered. NATO should help secure the peace. The mission the president has in mind would operate under unified NATO command, with an American general at the head. The force would consist of at least 60,000 well-armed NATO troops, about 20,000

of them American. The rules of engagement would permit firm and immediate responses to any threat. Nation-building tasks are wisely not included. There would be a Decem-

ber 1996 target date for withdrawal. Before proceeding, the president has promised to consult with Congress and seek its support. That is not quite enough. Formal congressional approval must be a condition for American participation. It would undermine the peace, and be unfair to the U.S. troops, to send them to Bosnia without congressional authorization.

The initial response of congressional leaders has been cautious. But even skeptics suggest they are ready to listen seriously to the president's arguments. It is up to Mr. Clinton to be as persuasive with the American people as his diplomats proved to be with the Balkan leaders. -THE NEW YORK TIMES.

Deeper Budget Cuts

cuts in the Republicans' seven-year package would ultimately be much larger than the official estimates suggest. That's because, as written, their full effect would not be felt until after or near the end of the seven-year period for which the estimates were made. These delayed-action mechanisms should be an issue in the talks about to begin between the president and Conbetween the government's resources and responsibilities with these slow-developing tax cuts whose long-term effect would be to create a new imbalance.

It was known all along that some of the tax cuts in the plan were "backloaded." In the House-Senate conference, they became much more so. Senator Daniel Patrick Moynihan asked the Joint Tax Committee for long-term estimates of how the bill would affect revenue, not just for seven years but for 10. In the 10th year, the diminution of revenue caused by these tax cuts would be 75 percent greater than in the seventh year; that's how much of the full cost the tax-writing committees postponed. Most of the postponement would come in capital gains. The conferees agreed not just to cut the capital gains tax but to begin adjusting gains for inflation - so that when an asset was sold, the government would tax only the increase in value in excess of the inflation rate. The inflation adjustments would not begin until the year 2001, however. That and other

steps conceal their cost. The tax cut to end the so-called marriage penalty on two-earner couples fil-

The tax cuts and some of the spending until the period 2003 to 2005, and there are other examples.

A lot of the plan's spending cuts have been backloaded all along as well. Medicaid may be the best example. The cut in projected spending for the full seven years all seven combined — would be 17 percent; that is the figure most often cited. But it is misleading because the cuts in the early years would be small and get pro-

on an annual basis would be 28 percent. Nor does even that do justice to what might happen to the program, it turns out. That's because the conferees also eased the rules governing how much states would have to spend to qualify for their federal funds. If hard-pressed states were to spend the least they could and still qualify for their full federal grants, the federal and state governments together by the seventh year would be spending 35 percent less than under current law. That would be a devastating cut - but the deeper the ultimate tax cuts in the plan, the deeper the spending cuts must also be to keep up. And some of these spending cuts

are too deep to sustain. The focus in the fight thus far has almost all been on what would happen in the first seven years of this plan. That's fine, but it makes no sense to solve a problem in that period only to begin to create it all over again immediately thereafter. Senator Moynihan's 10-year chart is a useful warning. The government should not be montgaging its future by cutting taxes that in the long run it will need to fulfill its basic responsibilities.

ing joint returns was also largely delayed -THE WASHINGTON POST. Other Comment

Intrigue in Vietnam

In most countries, cement would appear an unlikely source of intrigue. But in a Vietnam in the midst of a building boom, it has become an indispensable resource. So when prices more than doubled between March and May this year, builders panicked, supplies dropped, projects stalled and everyone pointed fingers. In September, Prime Minister Vo Van Kiet responded by ordering an official inquiry. This implicates officials of the state-owned Vietnam Cement Corp. in illegal activities that contributed to the shortages in the company's retail outlets. Two company directors have been sacked for "causing

serious damage to the national economy

and criminal charges may follow. Nobody can excuse official malfeasance, and the government is right to see such activities as a threat to Vietnam's development. But if the government is serious about rooming out problems, it needs to attack the structural incentives that affect virtually every strategic industry and represent the leading inducements to bribery, corruption and black-marketeering. These incentives largely stem from the government's assumption that controlling competition fosters cooperation. In fact, it encourages collusion.

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Clinton Needs to Provide Hard Answers on Bosnia

NEW YORK — President Bill Clinton is preparing to send U.S. troops to Bosnia whether Congress and the Amer-

ican people like it or not. They don't. The decision to commit the troops was made by the president long before Assistant Secretary of State Richard Holbrooke put his excellent mind and his patented, muscular negotiating style to creating a peace agreement.

The agreement was nailed down Tuesday. If anyone could have seen to it, Mr. Holbrooke was the one. He was a good

copy boy, too.

How long the agreement will last or what it will cost in lives to enforce we do not know. But we do know the Bosnian enemies and America's European allies insisted on U.S. troops. For the administration, that demand vetoed the objections of the American Congress and public. Still, for the risks to American lives,

Americans would at least seem entitled to full information about how the troops will be used. They are not getting it. Twenty thousand troops will be sent to

Bosnia, more if needed. They will stay about a year, more if needed. With replacements, at least 50,000 Americans

By A. M. Rosenthal

will have to serve in the Balkans. It will

cost about \$1.5 billion, more if needed. That much has been said by U.S. officials, and in a letter from President Bill Clinton on Nov. 13 to the House speaker. Newt Gingrich, in answer to a letter from him dated Oct. 26.

The Gingrich letter put some critical questions about the purpose of sending the troops and how they would be used. The president did not reply at all to some questions and he replied evasively to many of the others.

The president has gotten away with that because few in Washington have bothered to compare the texts of both letters to find out which questions were not answered. The reason they were evaded should wrack congressional nerves: Even as the troops get ready to land in Bosnian snows, the administration itself does not know the answers.

Here in roughly ascending order of importance are a few of Mr. Gingrich's questions answered vaguely or not at all. 1. The administration says American

destroyed if Congress does not back up are hostile to the idea. Now the administration seems to be backing down. Is it President Clinton's commitment to send troops. "Precisely when did you make this commitment, to whom did you make it and

what conditions if any were attached?" 2. Did you specify the type of mission the troops would be ordered to carry out as a neutral observer of the agreement, or as an armed force to coerce agreement?

3. The chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, General John Shalikashvili, says that from a military point of view, European forces are capable of carrying out the Balkan job. So why must U.S. ground forces be involved?

4. The administration hopes for a military balance through "arms control." How? Who will enforce it? Will U.S. troops have to disarm Bosnian Serbs and others to get this "balance"?

5. A big one. Administration officials,

including the president, have talked of U.S. plans to equip and train the forces of the Muslim-Croatian federation. How? When? How does the United States remain a neutral peacekeeper if it is simultaneously arming one of the parties to the conflict?

U.S. allies, with 40,000 troops at risk,

So my question — as I trust it will be Mr. Gingrich's - is whether the president will commit himself, this time to Americans, not to change his mind yet again and order the U.S. troops to take on the mad role of a peacekeeper who trains and arms one side.

The Bosnian war came about through a string of Western and Balkan political errors for which more than 200,000 people were killed and more than a million forced to leave their homes.

Sending U.S. soldiers to try to keep a peace among three sides that have tried to destroy each other, and likely will try again, strikes me as one more error. But it is a done deal; American troops will land

in Bosnia. Now it is the president's job to come up with the answers he did not give Mr. Gingrich. More than ever, it is the duty of

longress and the public to push for them. Otherwise. American troops will face even greater risks than they have to, once land among Balkan mountains,

storms and wars. The New York Times.

The Last Months of War Hold the Key to a Lasting Settlement

ONDON — It is, for all the aqualms, a moment to raise the heart. Yes, the Dayton deal is not a perfect peace for ex-Yugoslavia; the chance of a better peace died in the four years while the West dithered. Yes, it will not be easy to enforce this peace; that is why it needs resolute Americans among the enforcers. But put the reservations aside for the moment. Look at the three chief lessons of what has happened in the Balkans in the past three months, and build those lessons into the planning for the next challenge that Europe and Amer-

ica will face in the world. First, the shape of the Balkan war and therefore the shape of the peace were changed by the application of a surprisingly small amount of military power. Operation Deliberate Force, the three weeks of bombing by NA-TO that started at the end of August, dropped a smaller tonnage of explosives on the Bosnian Serbs than one night's British bombing of Germany in World War II. Yet that tiny amount, because it can now be precisionaimed, broke the Serbs' command of the battlefield.

Their communications collansed: much of their ammunition was destroyed or could not be moved to where it was needed: their anti-aircraft defenses were stunned. As a result, the Bosnian were able to recapture a large part of western Bosnia. That is why the Serbs, no longer in occupa-

By Brian Beedham tion of 70 percent of Bosnia, agreed to negotiate for peace on

terms they had hitherto rejected. These events also settled a debate that had divided the West for the previous four years. In arguing about what Europe and America could do in the former Yugoslavia, the bolder spirits argued that a fairly modest amount of airpower, backed up by a small but efficient army on the ground, could change the course of the war. The pessimists said it would not work. In the tangled forests and hills of the Balkans, they said, airpower would not find its targets, and on the ground the soldiers of modern armies would

be trapped and slaughtered. This August and September, the pessimists turned out to be wrong. NATO airpower could not find every mortar hidden in a clump of trees, but it could, with a flick of its wrist, deal with command posts and ammunition dumps. The Croatian Army, newly trained and re-equipped with modern weapons, took the Krajina in a weekend and then helped the Muslims reoccupy

much of western Bosnia. The implications for the future are large. The high-tech sort of military power that NATO pos-- the sort that thwarted the Soviet Union and won the -- IS NOL 2S NIZNY DEOple had thought, irrelevant in georgraphically awkward corners of help. But they did not. It was the world like Bosnia. It can prob- America that had the will to see the past three months' fighting is

ably be used almost anywhere. That changes the calculations for many of the possible confrontations of the 21st century.

The second lesson of the past three months is one to be ruefully chewed on by Europeans. It was the Americans who organized the alliance between Bosnia's Muslims and Croats,

and who presumably helped to sharpen up the army of Croatia It was America that

itself. And the Americans had always been keener than the Europeans on using North Atlantic Treaty Organization airpower to

laid the foundation.

insist on a half-decent peace. The Americans have had their own failures, to be sure. By refusing to put American soldiers into Bosnia's hills, they made it necessary to wait until the Croatian Army was ready to do the hard work on the ground. But in the end it was America that laid the foundations of the pact.

There is in theory no reason The Europeans could have carried out that three-week bomb

querulous Europe never had the will. The advocates of a "single European foreign policy" should ruminate on that.

The third lesson is the grisly one. The odds are that the change of the past three months could have been brought about much earlier if the West had had clearer eyes and a steadier nerve.

Most people now agree that an intervention by the West in 1991 - before Serbia's President Slobodan Milosevic marched his army over the border into Croatia -could have stopped the war in its tracks. Such action was indeed being recommended by some senior generals and intelligence officials. But the politicians, especially in Britain, timorously refused to take even the small risk this involved. That

was the first lost chance. There were other chances later on. That necessary combination of airpower and a small but efficient army on the ground could have been provided by NATO at any one of a number of suitable moments. It would have needed the cooperation of Croatia, since the army's lines of why Europe could not have done communication would have passed through Croat-held land; helped Croatia play its necessary but the Croats would have alpart in pushing the Serbs into a most certainly have cooperated facts. So long and ghastly a war deal. They could probably have because an intervention that cannot be pushed quietly into the would have helped them, too.

The number of casualties, if flinch and learn the lessons.

what needed to be done and to any guide, might have been much make sure it got done. Divided, smaller than most people feared. Yet neither Europe nor America would take the risk. The shove for peace had to wait until the Croatian Army was ready. And meanwhile the pile of dead men, women and children steadily grew.

Ah, say the sceptics, but peace had to wait until this year because it was also necessary to get President Milosevic on the peacemakers' side. No, it did not have to wait. It is nearly two years since Mr. Milosevic formally broke with the Bosnian Serbs. And, even before that, this shrewd man knew that Russia's collapse had left him and his country with no geopolitical choice but to work with the West. If the West had been firm with Mr. Milosevic. it could have had him on peace's

side much earlier. Well, yes, mutter the stubbornest, but it still makes a difference that by the summer of 1995, the Bosnian Serbs were exhausted. This will not wash, either. The Muslims were just as exhausted. The only vigorous new force on the scene in 1995 was the Croatian Army — and NATO could have done long ago what the Croats did over the past three months.

Europeans and Americans alike have to face up to these needs to consult its conscience.

International Herald Tribune.

Citizen Walesa Has a Role as a Necessary Political Troublemaker

WASHINGTON — Poland By Jim Hoagland may ultimately regret having turned Lech Walesa out of the Poland. And Mr. Walesa must get the "peacetime" democracy he abroad who admired the courage, resolve and concern for humanity the electrician from Gdansk showed in fighting Communist tyranny in the 1980s.

Citizen Walesa was always a more interesting and inspiring figure than President Walesa ever became. The world has enough mediocre presidents. It does not have enough brilliant, resourceful political troublemakers.

Welcome back, Lech, Even for Poland, Mr. Walesa's defeat by the campaign-savvy ex-Communist Alexander Kwasniewski may have silver linings. Two things have to happen for that to be the case, however: Mr. Kwasniewski must honor his promises to reinforce free-market economics and democracy in

presidency on Sunday. But his over the self-pitying bitterness defeat is not a total loss for those and spite he showed in the campaign and in his first statements

accepting defeat. Sunday's vote was a personal defeat for Mr. Walesa, not a national defeat for Poland. This was a referendum on a man with human weaknesses, not a vote on capitalism or NATO. The temptation for outsiders to read cosmic international meaning into this

election should be resisted. One description of Winston Churchill — magnificent in war,

useless in peace — may apply to Lech Walesa as well. Voters tossed Mr. Walesa out in fashion similar to Churchill's 1945 ouster in Britain, and for some of the same reasons. A magnificent figure in opposition and adversity, Mr. Walesa was a cantankerous, unpredictable leader in

helped create. He came to rely on gratitude for past glories to overcome his lack of a convincing vi-

sion of the future.

Modern power does not corrupt so much as it isolates and blinds. In the presidential palace, Mr. Walesa shut himself off in trappings of grandeur. He let his rapidly expanding ego come between him and many of his former allies in the Solidarity movement, which undid Communist rule.

On Sunday, Mr. Walesa fell victim to the unsentimental system that is democracy and to the cruel efficiency of voters who insist on knowing what you have

done for them today. Mr. Kwasniewski, 41, smoothtalking and telegenic, bested a boorish Mr. Walesa in two televised debates and wound up with nearly 52 percent of the vote. Embracing capitalism and Polish membership in NATO, Mr. Kwasniewski compared his Democratic Left Alliance to a West European

social democratic party. The Alliance has now won control of the presidency and Parliament through democratic means. Its claims to be a democratic force, not a totalitarian remnant, must be tested by Poland and the international community. And the key figure in this test-ing should be Mr. Waless. His seal of approval - or disapproval can seriously affect the way Mr. Kwasniewski's government is re-

ceived by the rest of the world. But in his initial, angry statement conceding defeat, Mr. Walesa said he would not cooperate with Mr. Kwasniewski and would not attend the official handover of power. "We have nothing to say to each other and I will not talk to him," Mr. Walesa said.

That is a self-defeating attitude at this stage. Mr. Walesa should not take the a priori position that Mr. Kwasniewski can never be a legitimate leader no matter what he does. It cheapens the meaning of Sunday's vote and of the demo-

If he can put aside his bitterness, Mr. Walesa can make another significant contribution to national reconciliation and international stability. He can lay claim to a moral authority that would make him one of Europe's elder statesmen by promising cooperation - as long as Mr. Kwas-

niewski lives up to his promises. That logic imposes important obligations on Poland's friends abroad as well. They should avoid using Mr. Walesa's defeat for

their own ends. Those who champion getting Poland into NATO immediately can argue that Mr. Walesa's defeat shows how fragile democracy in Central Europe is and how urgently action is needed. These forces will be quick to point up the difficulty of absorbing into the North Atlantic alliance a nation that has just chosen former Com-munists to lead it after five years

of robust anti-communist rule. But this campaign was fought around Polish issues and identities and voters responded to those, for better or for worse. We charter members of the Walesa admiration society have to accept

The Speaker Addresses the Enemy cratic system Mr. Walesa fought that. And so does he. to bring to Poland. Washington Post Writers Group. By Richard Reeves

ATLANTA — "Imagine you were trying to save this country," said the speaker of the House. Newt Gingrich, to the annual meeting of the national Association of Newspaper Opinion Page Editors here ear-

lier this month. That, of course, is exactly what he imagines. The United States, he said, is in a "civilizational crisis." The way he intends to save us from ourselves) is heard in this mantra: "Listen, Learn, Help, Lead,"

However, he emphasized, he did not intend to listen to or talk to anyone or any group he considered his opponent. The enemies' list he laid out for the editors included: themselves and almost all the rest of the press; people who write letters to the editor, labor unions; "left-wing front groups," and anyone stupid enough not to know that his own political action committee, GOPAC, is "the leading educational institution" in the Unit-

"Every group that has been positive in the direction we're going has had total access," he

said, "Why would I want to sit down with a group of people that hates our program? I don't have any interest in wasting my time on left-wing groups. Why would I want to meet with teach-

ers unions?" And the press? "I'm trying to be conciliatory," he said, adding that he had been advised to go easy by Tom Johnson, the president of CNN.

"I thought a year ago that we were on a playing field with the Democrats and that the 'elite media' were referees who were biased. I think now that the elite media is the offensive wing of the other team.

Specifically, he offered these judgments on media: The New York Times: "To-

tally dishonest." The Atlanta Journal-Constitution; "Deliberate Prayda-like editing. ... I spend half my campaign money undoing the dam-

age done by the Journal-Con-Wall Street Journal news coverage: "Disinformation ... de-liberately false information." The Des Moines Register:

See the Journal-Constitution. After hearing what the speak-er does not read, the editors assembled asked what he did pay attention to and he listed: "Wall Street Journal editorials": Michael Barone of U.S. News and World Report, "the most knowledgeable person"; Washington Times editorials; the columnists George Will, Paul Gigot and David Broder, "sometimes" William Safire of The New York Times; USA Today "almost every day"; Albert Hunt of the Wall Street Journal

to get a good laugh."

Of letters to the editor, he said: "I don't pay attention to the letters because I just assume they're

based on misinformation." That surprised me because when Mr. Gingrich was a young assistant professor at West Georgia College, he was a prolific writer to the editor of the Journal-Constitution. Those letters won him a nickname in the statehouse: "The Nurry Professor."

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IN OUR PAGES: 100, 75 AND 50 YEARS AGO

1895: Troops to Cuba

MADRID — The embarkation of it would be in sight of all Paris. the new expedition for Cuba began to-day [Nov. 22]. These troops, who number about 30,000, and are under Generals Pandin and Maxin, two veterans of the last Cuban War, will form, with the soldiers now in the island, by far the largest Spanish force which ever crossed the Atlantic.

1920: Unknown Soldier

PARIS - The Cabinet decided today [Nov. 22] that the tomb of President Truman proclaimed it. the Unknown Soldier will be the "day of our abundance. placed under the Arc de Triom-strength and achievement," in phe. The Fine Arts Department is to work out a plan for the definite the humility and hope of the disposition. There had been four free." And it is with humility and proposals prior to this decision: hope of free men who have seen (1) To transfer the remains to the this victory achieved that on this large room above the vault of the arch, (2) to inter them under the tasks of peace. On this day, as we

Soldier in a sarcophagus on the top of the Arc de Triomphe, where

1945; Peace and Thanks

PARIS - [The Herald says in an editorial:] This, of course, is the Thanksgiving of silent guns and

returning ships. More than 2,000,000 boys will be passing their plates at home for second helpings today [Nov. 23] who a year ago are their turkey a long way from "God's Country," from local wishbones. It is, as central avenue of the arch, (3) or in the "Marseillaise" pillar, (4) to place the body of the Unknown faith to keep with the living.

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OPINION/LETTERS

After One Day of Plenty, 364 Days of Hunger

By Colman McCarthy

WASHINGTON — Twenty-five years ago this Thanksgiv-ing, the first meal was served at the Zacchaeus Community Kitchen, in one of Washington's poorest areas. Those cooking and serving the meals were members of the Community for Creative Nonviolence, a group that until then concerned itself mostly with protesting U.S. involvement in the Vietnam War.

The Zacchaeus volunteers were unsure how many poor people would hear about the event and would show up for Thanksgiving dinner. Would word-of-mouth be enough? Someone suggested leaflet-ing. Or advertising. In the end, it was decided to spread a verbal invitation around the neighborhood.

"I thought maybe 20 or so people would come," recalls Edward Guinan, the founder of the Community for Creative Nonviolence and director of the Zacchaeus kitchen these past 25 years. "Well over 100 walked in."

Volunteers were astonished that so many people poured in that first day. So was an obscure nun from India who ladled the first bowl of soup, Mother Teresa.

In 1970, America was in the prehomeless and pre-soup kitchen era. The reach on the War on Poverty was wide but its programs tended not to extend to the most abject poor people, the homeless. When they fell through the cracks, few on top were there to peer down to see how far. Governments left it to the saints and Samaritans to carry out the vision of Matthew 25: "I was hungry and you gave me to eat. . . . I was a stranger and you took me in."

Volunteers at Zacchaeus could trace the spirit of their works of mercy back to the early Christian church when the destitute would receive God's food from the cellarer at the monasteries of St. Benedict. Seven centuries later, St. Francis joined in, and St. Vincent de Paul after that.

But in America in 1970, Zacchaeus had few models to work from. A Franciscan church in midtown Manhattan had a daily bread line for New York's poor. Chicago had the Pacific Gardens mission, where skid row winos could get dinner, a cot and a sermon. The Salvation Army was active, along with Dorothy Day and the Catholic Worker houses of hospitality.

That was about it. The 1970s marked America's awakening to the needs of its ex-

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ploding hungry and homeless population. The swelling included not only the traditional down and outs but, now, whole families, Vietnam veterans, mental patients released from institutions and citizens who had had a paycheck and a home only months before.

By 1980, the country was no longer in denial. Soup kitchens, food banks and homeless shelters were overflowing. In 1984, an organization called Share Our Strength began distributing what has become \$26 million worth of grants to more than 800 groups that

serve the chronically hungry.
Bill Shore, the group's founder and director, speaks today the way Edward Guinan did 25 years ago on the question of what it takes to arouse the nation's instincts for

"Instead of being shocking, poverty has become mind-numbingly routine," he says. "This makes it all the more difficult to combat. If only there were better odds of poor children being taken hostage somewhere, or stuck in a well, or contracting an incurable disease. The result would be a lot more attention. No one wears a ribbon on behalf of the 12 million children who live in poverty."

Or the 10 percent of Americans now who get government assistance to buy food. Or the 25 million who rely on emergency food banks.

A quarter-century after Zacchaeus kitchen opened its door, and began opening the eyes of government officials to hunger, the country has come full circle. City councils, mayors and Congress are again saying of the destitute, leave them to the saints and Samaritans. The House speaker, Newt Gingrich, wants the government to give less to the poor and private charities to give more, saying they get more done at less cost."

Somewhere between dismay and anger, charities and nonprofits reply that even with federal help in the last 15 years they have been turning away larger and larger numbers of

poor people.
While Mr. Gingrich theorizes, those at Zacchaeus kitchen, as well as the now thousands of other operations like it around the country, are ready for the crush of Thanksgiving guests. At most places, plenty of food is

vailable. It's those other 364 days that are the worry.



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

What Embassies Do

I cannot let stand William Pfaff's remark ("The Commercializing of American Foreign Policy Is a Bad Idea," Opinion, Nov. 16) that "American embassies abroad now make economic war." It is wrong to label our efforts in assisting American companies to compete overseas

The U.S. government stands for fair and free economic competition - an ethic of the American marketplace for generations. Where war aims at destruction for political reasons, our economic policy seeks to build cooperation by creating the ground rules for fair competition. Indeed, this is part of our efforts for the forthcoming U.S.-EU summit meeting in Madrid. That meeting is about the U.S. and the EU cooperating on a broad range of political and economic issues, including

I also disagree with Mr. Pfaff's contention that American foreign policy has been "commercialized." The embassy I head, like every other one, seeks to advance American interests across the entire range of diplomatic activities. That there is a greater emphasis now on economic and commercial matters than during the Cold War is not an abandonment of past leadership. Rather, it is an

dealing with barriers on trade.

overdue adjustment to a new world where peace and prosperity both need to be nursued. PAMELA HARRIMAN,

The writer is the U.S. ambassador to France.

Oh, Canada

Regarding "Sane, Reliable Canada Attempts Suicide — And Will Do So Again" (Opinion, Nov. 4):

Linguistics teaches us that lan-guage is the very definition of man. It plays an essential role in shaping a person's social identity. So when Charles Krauthammer writes, "That a country such as this should selfdestruct over an issue as relatively trivial as language is a cause for great dismay," be demonstrates that he knows very little about linguistics or about what he writes about (i.e. French-speaking Quebeckers).

WILFRID ROTGE. Toulouse, France.

Regarding "Impasse in Canada" Editorial, Nov. 2):

The debate in Canada over Quebec's future must focus not on compromise but on reality. The reality is that the French are no longer first, or even first among two equals, but one of many cultures and nations in Canada. Nevertheless, Quebeckers dominate Canadian politics, and now both the prime minister and leader of the opposition are Quebeckers. Only Quebec is truly bilingual, and, therefore, Quebeckers dominate the government bureaucracy.

Citizens in the ROC (rest of Canada, a derisive Quebecker term) believe that Quebec already has enough power, influence and dis-

tinctiveness.

If Canada is to get past this impasse, the multicultural, democratic and realistic present and future have to be embraced, not the unjust, nationalistic and undemocratic past of Quebec nationalists. Otherwise, there will indeed be another referendum. But this time, it will be the 'rest of Canada'' liberating themselves from Quebec's demands. ERIC LANGENBACHER.

Your article ("Quebec's Separatists: 'Stronger Than Ever,' " Nov. 15) illustrates the paradox of French Canada's continuing to fight a war for identity that it has already won. Instead of trying to destroy Canada, those who voted "oui" in the referendum should channel their energy into making Canada the great nation it has the potential to be. MURRAY GIBBS.

Geneva.

Bored in Washington: All Work and No Flirt

By Susan Benda

WASHINGTON — If you plan to visit the American capital, you'd better heed this travel advi-

sory: "At all costs, do not flirt."
The fear of sexual harassment lawsuits and political correctness have brought an unprecedented coolness to relations between the

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sexes here. Men pick up the cues, repent and reform. And women learn to subsist on the meager local diet.

Not long ago, I found myself in
the salad bar line at my office cafeteria next to a man I had noticed around the law firm. He was kind of cute, I didn't work with him and as far as I knew, he wasn't married. There we were, side by side, deliberating between cucumbers and cherry tomatoes. Our eyes met. Seizing the moment, I compliment-ed him on his colorful sweater.

But slightly embarrassed at my own foray into flirting. I tried to deflect attention by noting that if he had admired my outfit, he would have felt obliged to keep that a secret. My comment resonated with several of the men around the salad bar. One lawver, who is in his 50's, said that he felt entirely constrained in his interactions with women and simply didn't know how to act anymore.

What's going on? Sometimes it takes an outsider to point out a bizarre local practice. In talking to foreigners living in Washington, one discovers that they view with horror the antiseptic, antisex-

ual way in which the natives relate: A French journalist nearing 40 confides that after a year of living here, she is convinced she had lost her sex appeal. Imagine her relief when, upon her return to France, men actually acknowledge her (female) presence. She knows what sexual harassment is and has no patience for it. but it doesn't mean that she doesn't want to be noticed.

 A Romanian in Washington for a six-week program struggles with a vague and uneasy sense that she has become invisible and is close to desperate by the time she boards her plane for Europe.

• An Argentine woman throws up her hands in exasperation and says: "All I know is if there's any less flirting in this town, I'm going home.

great love or even a little fling. B they despair at the lack of gracio flirtation that eases male-female r

lations in their home countries. According to my unscientific st vey of Washington residents in the late 30's to early 40's, men are fea ful of flirting or making any cor ment about a woman's appearan-

in the course of the work day. Foreign men also learn the rule They have told me that they dare n banter with women or ask a woma out on a date if they first encount

her professionally.
When one considers how much time work consumes, this is no mindevelopment - particularly for the single person.

don't believe I'm overstatir the problem, And it is a probler After all, what's the fun of beir

What's the fun of being grown-up if you can't banter?

grown-up if you can't flirt? The: has to be some compensation for the grind of monthly mortgage pay ments, the boredom of weekly gro cery shopping and laundry, and the daily ordeal of reporting to an office in a suit.

I'm told, sometimes rather smuy ly, that this is the inevitable an necessary result and reflection of th success of the women's movemen Are feminism and flirting irrecor cilably contradictory concepts?

I think not. There is a difference between vulgar leering and flirtatious bante I'll admit that this is a subjectiv matter, dependent on both the judg ment of the beholder and the sei sibilities of the beholden. But give the choice, I would much prefer t live with the struggle to find th golden mean, if only because th price of banishing flirting altogethe is simply too high.

I don't accept that the choice between sexism or this "neuter zation" of our lives. I am ol enough to call myself a feminist for me that requires no reflection -but I still think that it is (or can be fun to be female.

The writer is a lawyer in Wash All of these foreign women are ington. She contributed this conserious professionals who are happily married and not in search of a Tribune.



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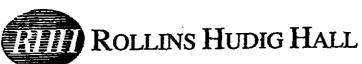




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Vanished City of Antiquity Surfaces in Syria



lay male figure from city of Urkesh.

By John Noble Wilford New York Times Service

EW YORK - One of the vanished cities of antiquity, Urkesh in its heyday more than 4,000 years ago was an opulent oasis of commerce straddling a major trade route in ern Syria, near the Turkish

It was reputed to be the capital of a fabled kingdom and the most sacred it with the actual archaeological site

But history had long ago mis-placed the city of Urkesh and was left with only a dim memory of the Hurrian civilization.

The Hurrians, or Horites, are mentioned briefly in the Old Testament and on a clay tablet belonging to Pharoah Amenembet IV, Egypt's ruler in 2000 B.C. The rest is mainly egend. Some historians had even doubted that the city ever really ex-

After eight years of excavations, an international team of archaeologists is convinced that the long-lost Urkesh has been found. They have uncovered clay tablets and seal impressions, metal tools and detailed drawings revealing that Urkesh was a real city and that its ruins lie buried beneath the modern Syrian town of Tell Mozan, 400 miles northeast of

storehouses and to have considerable longed to a previously unknown city. queen of Urkesh named Uqnitum.

'To have succeeded in identifying religious center of the Hurrians, an of Tell Mozan means that Urkesh has obscure people who were contemporaries of the Sumerians in the south and the Semites of Ebla in the west.

now a geographical as well as mythical location, "said Dr. Giorgio Buccellati, a professor emeritus of Near Eastern languages and cultures at UCLA, who is the director of the Urkesh excavations.

Dr. Buccellati said that excavations at the hillside town of Tell Mozan would continue for many years. "A full assessment of early Hurrian civilization is one of the tasks which lies ahead." As it is, the archaeologists have

just begun to explore the site. They have uncovered ruins of a large temple and a room described as a royal storeroom. But this represents no more than 1 percent of the site.

From 10,000 to 20,000 people once inhabited the city, archaeologists estimated. It probably flourished for several centuries in the late third millennium B.C. and then declined and faded from sight, perhaps as a result of falling water tables in an arid land. Two bronze lions smuggled out of

The archaeologists said their dis- Syria and acquired by the Louvre in coveries established that the ancient Paris and the Metropolitan Museum of ings, the archaeologists noted that city was more important and at least Art in New York gave Dr. Buccellati most of the seals were the queen's. three centuries older than once the most crucial clue in his search, not the king's, indicating that she thought. They were also surprised to Inscribed on the base of the statuettes occupied a central position in the find evidence that some women in the was writing in a strange language. society. "She appears as a property society appeared to own land and Scholars deciphered the letters owner in her own right, as distinct spelling out "Urkesh" and the name from the king," they wrote, "and she influence. Many of the seals be- of a king who had built a temple in the could exercise direct control at least

> S Dr. Buccellati recalled, this was the exciting moment when he realized that here was evidence of a spe-In 1987, he began excavations on the slope of the hill, where farmers buried their dead and in doing so events like banquets, family gathoften turned up artifacts, including erings and a woman preparing food. the two bronze lions.

Acting on a hunch decades ago, the mystery novelist Agatha Christie and feet. her husband, Sir Max Mallowan, a If British archaeologist, had dug in the same area in search of Urkesh. But and no one yet is disputing the claim they gave up after two days, leaving the mystery unsolved.

The current expedition was more fact with the one of mythology.

Experiment the activation of the principal god of the Hurrian pantheon, was already figures on clay seals that were found known as the "father of the city scattered on the floor of a room the Urkesh" and described as residing in archaeologists described as a royal storehouse. The seals were affixed to tice the lawsuits of all the lands." In containers that stored goods belonging to Queen Uqnimm and some of her

In a report summarizing the findover that part of the storehouse where her goods were being kept."

Moreover, the name Uquitum for the queen is Akkadian, meaning "the lapis-lazuli girl," or one who is cherished like a precious stone. The cific historical ruler, that Urkesh ac- king's name. Tupkish, is from the tually existed and that it must be Hurrian language. This may well imburied in the vicinity of Tell Mozan. ply royal intermarriage between difrent ethnic groups.

Other drawings on clay depict One shows the king sitting on a throne with a lion crouching at his

If the excavations have indeed revealed the site of the lost Urkesh --the discovery is expected to enable scholars to separate the ancient city of

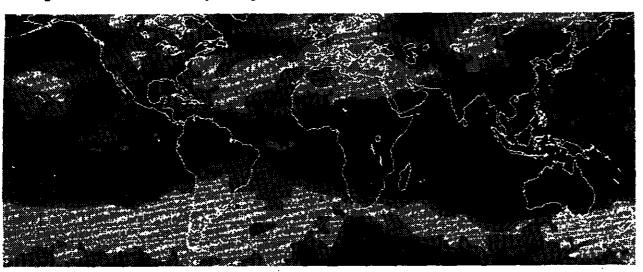
Urkesh, "where he resolves with jusmythology, Urkesh is the only known Syrian city to be mentioned as the



Part of school child's exercise tablet, listing professions.

Impending Impact of Erosion of Ozone Layer: New Estimates

Satellite measurements, taking cloud cover into account, predict ozone erosion will make increased UV radiation a peril in the lighter bands within the next 30 years. Lightest areas have already been affected.



Sources: California Spece Institute at Scripps Institution of Oceanography; Seespace Corporation

Blow to Tobacco-Funded Science

By Rick Weiss

columnist Dave Barry likes to vilify scientists who do research for the tobacco industry. Over the years he has volunteered them as substitutes for crash-test dummies, as targets to test a new kind of gun and as subjects in an experiment to determine the lethal dose of opera music.

Now the American Thoracic Society, the scientific arm of the American Lung Association, has taken up tobacco-scientist researchers where it really hurts: As of And that difference is legality. Dec. 1, the society's prestigious medical journals will no longer publish research

The move is believed to be the first Society officials said it was not their intent as "paternalistic" and "troubling."

to impugn the reputations of scientists who accept money from the tobacco industry. But they felt morally compelled to disassociate the society from the industry because of tobacco's enormous contribution to hing disease.
"We felt that it was the only honest

decision we could come to," said Aifred Munzer, a past president of the American Lung Association who first proposed the ban a few years ago and helped usher it to approval by the society's board of directors. "Speaking as a physician, I really feel tobacco money is an ill-gotten gain. There is only a hairbreadth of difference between bashing in a more serious way, hitting these the tobacco industry and the drug cartels.

But the presumption that tobacco money taints all that it touches is not universally conducted with funds from the tobacco held among scientists, ethicists or medical journal editors. As a result, many in the scientific and medical professions have instance of a medical journal instituting an found themselves in the unusual situation across-the-board ban of research solely on of siding with the tobacco industry, which the basis of the work's funding source. has derided the thoracic society's decision

"We believe that good research can be done almost regardless of where the funding comes from," said George Lundberg. editor of the Journal of the American Medical Association. "We evaluate studies on their scientific merit and we always disclose to our readers the funding source as well as any financial interests of the authors."

The new rule applies to two medical journals published by the society, the American Journal of Respiratory and Critical Care Medicine and the American Journal of Respiratory Cell and Molecular Biology. Both are considered eminent venues for lung researchers in the competitive world of scientific publication.

The two journals typically publish only a few papers each year from researchers with

tobacco industry funding.

But the policy could have a significant impact on scientific communication if other journals follow suit. In 1994 alone, scientists with tobacco industry grants published 375 scientific papers in a wide array of journals.

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Ozone Problems Vary by Area

By William K. Stevens New York Times Service

EW YORK - Depletion of the earth's protective ozone layer is exposing some areas of the world, including parts of the Inited States, to biologically harmful doses fultraviolet radiation, but some other aras will not become vulnerable for another :0 to 50 years, according to a new study. The reason for the variance, the authors of the study say, is that patterns of cloud over vary from one area to another. llouds as well as ozone block ultraviolet adiation, and the actual pattern and mount of radiation reaching the ground

annot be calculated globally unless this is aken into account. By making the calculation in that maner, experts in California have concluded on he basis of satellite data that large parts of North America, most of central Europe, the Mediterranean, New Zealand, South Africa and the southern half of Australia, Argentia and Chile are now being subjected to ignificant increases in harmful radiation.

In the United States, the affected areas

Southwest, including southern California. Hawaii is also being affected, according to

The research was done by Dr. Dan Lubin, a research physicist at the California Space Institute at the Scripps Institution of Oceanography in San Diego, and Elsa H. Jensen, an aerospace engineer with Sea-Space Corp., a satellite instrument and software company in San Diego. Their report appeared in the British journal Na-

Ultraviolet-B from the sun, a form of radiation that can cause skin cancer and cataracts, damage the immune system and disrupt natural ecosystems, is normally blocked by a layer of ozone in the stratosphere. Industrial chemicals, principally chlorofluorocarbons used as refrigerants, destroy stratospheric ozone. Under an international agreement, the production of chlorofluorocarbons is to cease at the end of this year. But because the chemicals persist so long in the atmosphere, ozone depletion is expected to continue for

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He and Ms. Jensen calculated that at the estimated average global rate of ozone depletion, about 2.5 percent per decade, large parts of continental Europe, North and South America, Australia and Southern Africa would be bathed in increased UV-B radiation in five years.

UT the British Isles and Ireland, for instance, are not expected to experience a significant increase for another 30 years, and it is not expected for 20 to 50 years in parts of central Russia, most of China, Japan, North and South Korea and the Indian subcontineat. Mexico, northern Australia, New Guinea and areas of South America north of Sao Paulo, Brazil, are also not expected

to experience increases for decades. In the United States, the South and Pacific Northwest should not experience increases for another 20 years, according to the calculations.

Instruments have shown for certain that UV-B has risen significantly in Antarctica, where ozone depletion has been the most severe. A few measurements in temperate

Bulimia Cases Drop, Study Says

By Don Colburn Washington Post Service

disorders, particularly among women, have dethe past decade, a study of college stu-

dents in the United States suggests. The prevalence of bulimia nervosa (the disorder experienced by Princess Diana) fell from 7.2 percent to 5.1 percent among young women and from 1.1 percent to 0.4 percent among young men, the study found. Binge eating decreased by about 10 percent among both women and men. The use of purgatives, such as diuretics, diet pills and vomiting, also declined.

On average, young women were 5 pounds (2.27 kilograms) heavier in 1992 than young women in 1982, researchers found. Men's average weight gained by 2 pounds. Despite the weight increase, women were less likely in 1992 to see

themselves as overweight.

The study compared results from a detailed survey of a random sample of more reluctant to report eating disorders,

of a nearly identical survey of 799 students at the same college 10 years later. Students were asked about body weight, ASHINGTON — Eating eating habits, dieting and disorders.

The study was conducted by re-searchers at Dartmouth College and the creased significantly over results were reported in the American Journal of Psychology. Researchers said their findings were

both encouraging and discouraging. While symptoms of eating disorders abated significantly between 1982 and 1992, the levels remained fairly high and body dissatisfaction and desire to lose weight were still the norm for more than 70 percent of young women.

But binge eating appeared to be on the decline. In 1992, the vast majority of male and female students reported never engaging in binge eating. Ten years ear-lier, nearly half of the young women

reported current or past binge eating.

The reason for the decline in eating disorders is unclear. One possibility is that the risks of binge eating and crash dieting are better known now than in 1982, they said. Also, students may be 901 college students in 1982 with results which may carry more stigma today.

IN BRIEF

Hype on Hyperactivity: Sugar Is Not the Culprit

CHICAGO (AP) — As the holiday season nears, parents need not fear that candyeating children will spin out of control, say researchers who analyzed 23 studies on sugar and behavior.

Sugar consumption does not significantly affect the way most children act or think. researchers concluded after reviewing studies involving more than 500 youngsters, mostly younger than 15 years old.

'The question remains as to why the results of controlled studies differ so much from the impression of parents," the researchers said in The Journal of The American Medical Association.

The answer may be in what parents expect, added researchers, led by Dr. Mark L. Wolraich of the pediatrics department at Vanderbilt University's Child Development Center in Nashville.

Parents may remember reports of two studies from 1980 and 1986 that linked sugar intake and hyperactivity, the authors said. But the methods in those studies made it impossible to tell whether sugar caused the hyperactivity or whether the children's hyperactivity led to their eating sugar.

BRIDGE

By Alan Truscott

T the 1995 Greater New won with the ace and returned a A T the 1995 Greater New World Williams, but South would have trump, but South would have von Zedtwitz Double Knock- been able to survive rather lucknut Team Championship, ily. He could win in dummy, which concluded recently in lead the heart jack and throw a wanhattan, the team led by diamond. Since West has no ant Chan finished unbeaten. On the diagramed deal Brad force the dummy, South can ma-

vioss as South landed in four neuver to ruff a heart and make spades after the bidding shown. use of dummy's suit. After his overcall of one spade, Elizabeth Reich as North con-mitted to play in four diamonds. ributed a jump cue-bid of three undoubled, and escaped for liamonds. This was a "mixed down two. aise," showing a spade fit with nvitational values or better, and South bid the game.

The lead of the ace and another trump would have been hallenging, but West naturally elected the singleton diamond and was assonished to find that Jummy was void. South ruffed n dummy and led a heart, won by East with the ace. That player chose a club shift, and after considerable thought Moss won with the ace and embarked on a crossruff. He ruffed a diamond, cashed the club king, ruffed a heart, ruffed a diamond, ruffed a club and ruffed another diamond, emerging

with 10 tricks. It might seem that the defense

BOOKS

TOM: The Unknown Tennessee Williams By Lyle Leverich. 672 pages. \$35. Crown.

Reviewed by Wendy Smith

THE essence of Tennessee Williams has often eluded overcome these obstacles to directors, too many of whom craft a perceptive, often revhighlight the Gothic trappings at the expense of the delicate, poetic expression of human - a bit too formidable at times emotion that is his greatest strength. (Indeed, the play- liams 3d's first 34 years, Levwright makes the same mistake erich finds fresh things to say in his weaker plays.) Similarly, even about the oft-profiled Donald Spoto's and Ronald Williams family: garrulous, Hayman's biographies of domineering mother Edwina

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atrical producer Lyle Leverich greater impact on the play-

liams's death in 1983. Although the playwright named Leverich his "authorized biographer" in 1979, the hostility of Maria St. Just, co-trustee of the Williams estate, prevented the book's publication until after her death in 1994. Leverich has elatory portrait.

Delving in formidable detail - into Thomas Lanier Wil-Williams — and his own and hard-drinking, disapprov-"Memoirs"—indulged far too ing father Comelius, perpetumuch in the adminedly juicy ally at war, emotionally displeasures of chronicling the turbed sister Rose, whose promiscuity and substance deteriorating mental health abuse of his later years; a juprompted Williams's lifelong dictious consideration of his fear that he too would go mad; personal history's impact on his his beloved maternal grandparents, Waiter and Rose Dakin. On the face of it, the the- whose gentle puritanism had a

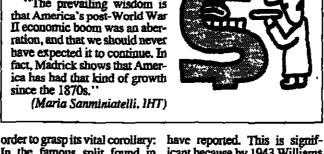
is not an outstanding candidate wright's world view than has for correcting that imbalance. previously been acknowledged. This is his first book; he became It's not necessary to entirely friendly with the playwright agree with Leverich's conducting the sad decade of artistic, physical and psychological decline that preceded Wil
wendy Smith, the author of the construction of the constructi

WHAT THEY BE READING • Richard A. Gephardt, the

House Democratic leader, is reading "The End of Affluence" by Jeff Madrick. 'The prevailing wisdom is that America's post-World War

II economic boom was an aberration, and that we should never have expected it to continue. In fact, Madrick shows that America has had that kind of growth since the 1870s." (Maria Sanminiatelli, IHT)

gives his work its power.



In the famous split found in leant because by 1943 Williams virtually every Williams script was a promising young playbetween the pragmatic, often wright and was completing the brutal masculine principle he play that would make his rep-sees as ruling society (the utation ("The Glass Menapoetic, impractical feminine at- closes the book, first in a protitude that defines the artist (the jected two volumes). The later Dakins gift), the playwright's date of his sister's surgery sympathies were more divided makes it a direct inspiration for

ongoing process of his creation, forms of human behavior that book's central topic.

Tennessee would torment him for the rest of his life" — an blather — is less important and lineation of how Tennessee critical influence. achieved the truthfulness and ruthlessness required to write erich tends to repeat his main. honestly and with universal implications about Tom's experiences. To this end, the in-depth coverage of Williams's disjointed academic career (he sight has become an annoying finally graduated from the University of Iowa at age 27) and adequate rather than elegant. apprentice literary efforts jus- His faults as a stylist are less,

It seems a fortuitous coincidence that Tom Williams insympathies were more divided makes it a direct inspiration for vented his pen name, Tenthan simplistic interpretations have assumed; this division source of guilt for her brother, before his first visit to New check the often fanciful Memwho survived their familial trau- Orleans, forever after his fa- oirs. Among the new information mas as she had not — and who vorite city. Williams had his that sheds additional light on displaced that guilt by vocif-first homosexual encounter Williams's character and art is erously blaming their mother.

and his emergence as Tom's pri-mary identity at the 1945 pre-quent works. This is typical of quent works. This is typical of miere of "Menagerie," is this Leverich's balanced perspective on the playwright's sexual Leverich's statement that orientation, which he finds cru-"the conflict between Tom and cial to the formation of Williams's personality but less. so to the character of his writmusual lapse into pop-psych ing, on which such literary forebears as D.H. Lawrence, Anton interesting than his careful de- Chekhov and Hart Crane had a

"Tom" is not perfect. Levpoints over and over; by the fourth time he tells us that Williams family legacy) and the gerie," whose premiere in 1945 tifies its occasionally tedious important, however, than his abilities as a sensitive interpreter and assessor. His hancheck the often fanciful "Mem-

> Wendy Smith, the author of there, but Leverich finds this "Real Life Drama: The Group," less significant than his expo-

IN BRIEF

Burma's Economy Starts to Mend But Its Politics Still Keep Foreign Investment at Bay

political troubles behind it.

By Kevin Murphy

RANGOON - Daw Baby led her visitors up stairs, across rooms jammed with teak furniture and jade curios, on to a huge balcony overlooking Rangoon's colonial-era skyline and quickly got to the point. "Do you know anyone who wants to

invest here?" the antique seller asked, pointing out a large turn-of-the-century government building across the way. It could be privatized into a hotel, shopping center, apartments — anything to cash in on an unprecedented business boom now under way.

"There is great potential in this country, but we still have a lot to learn," the entrepreneur told visitors who originally sought only souvenirs. If they had any good ideas and the cash, they could pick up an ambitious local joint-venture part-

ner in the bargain. From families like Daw Baby's — her children now run a hotel, a restaurant, a garment factory and a woodworking export business - to the armed forces and national government, the message is the "It's same: Burma is now open for business; its alone. jewels, long locked up, are suddenly on the auction block, if anyone is willing to come and bid for them.

Isolated for 25 years by its own choice, then shunned for much of the past decade for a dismal human rights record, Myanmar, as the military-led government now calls the country, is struggling to put a Bank and the International Monetary Fund chaotic economic past and continuing have largely stayed away until now. They

A key to that effort's success, diplomats, economists and potential investors said will be the country's relationship with providers of foreign aid and investment. Rangoon has moved to dismantle its

socialist, protected economy through wide-ranging reforms that include free-trade measures, a sell-off of government assets, efforts to encourage foreign investment and greater economic autonomy for an emerging business class and millions of farmers.

But the country still needs massive foreign investment and expertise to rebuild a country nearly wrecked by war, economic bungling and political strife.

"We have made quite a number of substantial changes in Myanmar in recent years," said Daw Khine Khine, joint sec-

"Without multilateral assistance where the interest rates are so low, we will have to resort to a lot of privatization," she said, referring to low-cost development loans that have largely been denied to Burma. "It's a very, very difficult process

retary of the Myanmar Investment Com-

Most Western governments and investors have focused on continuing human-rights abuses and the complex standoff between the ruling State Law and Order Reconstruction Committee and the opposition, led by Daw Aung San Suu Kyi. Aid organizations such as the World

say publicly they will continue to do so until a serious political dialogue begins. Strong, behind-the-scenes lobbying led by Japan, however, has persuaded the IMF to consider upgrading its relation-ship with Rangoon, if the government meets a number of difficult economic

reform targets.
The thaw is widely seen as a major shift in a situation where the past seven years have brought little movement.

Speaking of Tokyo's support for an IMF monitoring program, Akira Matsunaga, an official with the Japanese Embassy in Rangoon said, "We have to encourage this country to take advantage of this breakthrough."

"But if it changes its artitudes, the IMF could change its policy again too," Mr. Maisunaga added, warning of Rangoon's need to continue to work toward a solution to its domestic political problems.

On Wednesday, Japan decided to provide 5 billion yen (\$49.3 million) to Rangoon as debt relief, Reuters reported.

The money, which will be Japan's 13th such grant of assistance to Burma since Tokyo implemented a policy of canceling debts to undeveloped countries by chang-

ing their repayment into aid, will be used to buy machinery, raw materials and spare parts, local media reported. Sensing opportunity, increasing num-

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bers of entrepreneurs have decided the resource-rich but infrastructure-poor country will someday soon emulate the suc-

cused on improving profitability and internal growth, though it has not ruled out acquisitions. Analysts praised the appointment of Mr. Brabeck, citing his

analyst at Bank Vontobel. "He

Nestlé Designates **Brabeck to Take CEO Job in 1997**

Bloomberg Business News VEVEY, Switzerland -Nestlé SA, the world's largest food maker, put to rest months of speculation Wednesday when it said that Peter Brabeck would succeed Helmut Maucher as chief executive in 1997.

Mr. Maucher, 68, will remain chairman until 2000, the company said.

Mr. Brabeck, a native of Austria who has been with Nes-

tlé since 1968, is currently executive vice president in charge of marketing, communication and corporate affairs. He also oversees ice cream and confectionery products.

The company also said Wednesday it would resume growth in net profit next year after the strong Swiss franc and high coffee prices pulled down earnings for 1995. In September, Nestlé said it expected profit to equal last year's 2.94 billion Swiss francs (\$2.58 billion) before extraordinary items.

Wine World Estates, to two investment groups as part of a ported from Amsterdam. strategy of concentrating on its

Nestlé shares finished on the Zurich Stock Exchange at 1,220 a series of recent management francs, down 9.

Nestlé has increasingly fobackground in sales and communications.

"This company, after all, lives from marketing," said Rene Weber, a food-industry

Mr. Brabeck, who has spent his entire career at the company Nestlé also said its chief financial officer, Reto Domeniconi, would retire next May and be succeeded by Mario Corti, now chief financial officer of

Analysts said the combination of Mr. Corti and Mr. Brabeck was likely to bring about a more open communi-

cations policy.
"We'll have two open personalities in charge, 'said James Amoroso of Credit Suisse. 'I expect a greater willingness to disclose more information.

Ramon Masip, long considered Mr. Maucher's heir apparent, will step down as chief operating officer June 1997 and will not take up other executive functions, the company said.

■ Changes at KNP BT NV Koninklijke KNP BT said its chairman, Rob van Oordt, and vice chairman, The company also said it Klaas de Kluis, would resign in would sell its U.S. wine unit, April after the company's annual meeting, AFX News re-The deputy chairman, Frank

primary businesses of food and de Wit, will succeed Mr. Van beverages. It did not disclose the Oordt as chairman, the com-The moves were the latest in

> changes at one of Europe's largest makers of paper and packaging materials. Frans Spits, director of pack-

aging, resigned Monday because of a management dispute, and Bert Paalman, a board member, resigned Friday

Shares in KNP BT fell 0.5 percent Wednesday, to 39.8 guilders (\$25.25), on the Amsterdam Stock Exchange. They have lost about 11 percent of their value in a week because of They said they did not fore- the resignations and on concern see any drastic changes in Nes- that earnings of paper compa-

Air France Had Operating Profit in Half

PARIS — A government rescue pack-age was credited for helping Air France post its first half-year operating profit since 1989 on Wednesday, but the state-con-trolled airline indicated its loss for the full year would exceed its previous estimate of 1.2 billion francs (\$246.8 million).

The company posted an operating profit for the six months ended in September of 176 million francs, reversing a loss of 856 million francs for the like period last year. Sales fell 4 percent, to 20.3 billion francs, mainly because of the weakness of

not publish a net profit, as the figures had not yet been audited, but a net loss for the France has injected 20 billion francs of period is expected because, the carrier said, it will take a one-time charge of "several

hundred million francs" to cover job cuts. Air France said its loss before social outlook for the second half of the year confirms the ambitious nature of that target," the company said.

The carrier is struggling to return to profit before the deregulation of the European the dollar, the company said. Air France did airline industry, scheduled for 1997.

fresh capital into the ailing carrier over the past year, helping reduce its debt. Air France said the rescue package had helped it repay 6 billion francs of debt during the security provisions in the year to March 1996 would be 1.2 billion francs, but that the net loss would exceed that figure. "The charges fell by 39 percent in the half as a result of the state recapitalization and cur-

Air France and its Air Inter unit have is the right person for the job." been hit by a wave of strikes this year over pay and restructuring plans; the latest was see any drastic changes in Neson Nov. 10. (Bloomberg, AFX, Reuters) tile's strategic direction under nies have reached their peak.

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Wells Fargo: On a Risky Road

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By Saul Hansell New York Times Service

something about how to rise above a dying stagecoach line, carrying eager prospectors to California's gold rush. By World War I, the company had transformed one of its sidelines - gold storage - into a thriving San Francisco-based banking business.

Wells Fargo is reinventing itself again. Its industry is in trouble: There are too many banks, and too much business has been lost to mutual funds and other rivals. But while competitors is, in effect, eating its seed corn. respond by merging into coast-to-coast giants, Wells instead is, in many ways, shrinking.

third of its traditional branches in California, replacing them with far more outposts, but tiny ones, in supermarkets - along with an ambitious on-line presence.

ness of lending money to high-risk borrowers whose creditworthiness it screens by computer. While the initiatives have left its revputer. While the initiatives have a delighted share-enue flat, the company has delighted share-enue flat, the c

It's true that Wells currently is attempting the biggest hostile takeover in banking history, for First Interstate Bancorp. But even that move is not expansionist: Wells wants mainly to buy and close most of its Los Angeles rival's 457 California branches, reap perhaps \$1 billion a year in cost savings and pick up 4.5 million

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Forward Rates

customers — all in hope of converting them

quickly to its vision of electronic banking. Critics say the bid is a desperate attempt to NEW YORK — Wells Fargo & Co. knows keep up with the industry. If it fails — and many analysts say it probably will - critics say Wells business. It was, after all, founded in 1852 as a Fargo will have doomed itself into shrinking into irrelevancy.

But William F. Zuendt, Wells Fargo's pres-

ident, portrays the acquisition as the final act of the old model of banking, eliminating the industry's excess capacity. "It is a sad thing," he said, "but the banking industry is now down to less than half of the nation's savings. Some bankers wonder whether Wells Fargo

'Most people never know when the party is Vells instead is, in many ways, shrinking.

In the last year, the bank has begun closing a over," said a top California bank executive who spoke on condition of anonymity. "More than the rest of us, Wells seems to see the end of the business as we've known it. If they are right, they look smart." But, he added, they won't

have "a lot of alternatives if they are wrong." It is leaving what other banks see as growth areas, such as money management and home mortgages, while vaulting into the new busing First Interstate has instead chomotogages. sen to sell itself to First Bank System of Minneapolis, accepting a lower price in return for

what it contends are better growth prospects.
Paul Hazen, in his first year as Wells Fargo liquidating the company without telling any-body," he said. "If you hold a hand of cards and have nothing to work with, you have to wait for the next hand. That's where we are today."
So how will Wells Fargo play its hand when

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Leeson Back To Singapore

FRANKFURT - Nick Leeson, the former trader blamed for bringing down Barings Bank with huge losses, took off on a Singapore Airlines jet from Frankfurt on Wednesday to return to Singapore for trial.

flight \$Q735, which took off just after 9 P.M.

"He's quite positive, he's go-ing back voluntarily," his Singapore-based lawyer. John Koh told reporters on the aircraft.

Mr. Leeson sat in a window seat at the rear of the Boeing 747's upper deck, in business class. He was not handcuffed but had a Singapore security official beside him and two others behind him.

Border guards armed with machine guns were stationed on the tarmac and a visitors' viewing area was sealed off as Mr. Leeson was taken aboard the Boeing 747 aircraft for the 121/2-hour flight.

The 28-year-old Briton fought extradition to Singapore before agreeing last month to return to face 11 charges of forgery and fraud linked to his \$1.4 billion in trading losses.

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Flight Takes U.S. Trade Gap Narrows as Exports Jump

with Japan narrowed to the smallest im- mestic demand. balance in more than two years.

Wednesday that the September trade gap had improved 0.1 percent from an \$8.36 billion deficit in August, reflecting in part a big surge in sales of American-made au-

tomobiles and auto parts. attorneys on Singapore Airlines helped offset a 1.4 percent rise in imports, which climbed to \$75.59 billion.

lany of them te hy summise deficit shrank to \$8.35 billion in September, the smallest figure in nine months, as exports hit an all-time high and the deficit economies overseas and a rebound in domestic demand.

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In a separate report, the Labor Department The Commerce Department reported ment said Wednesday that the number of Americans filing new claims for unemployment benefits edged up to 371,000 last in 1987. week from 370,000 the previous week. Both figures, however, were down from 381,000

in the week ended Nov. 4.

The September improvement caught two months. The increase was in line with growing at a modest pace, analysts said.

Even with the improvement in the September trade figure, the deficit in goods alone is running at an annual rate of \$167.1 billion through the first nine months of this year, putting the country well on track to surpass its deficit record of \$152 billion set

The deficit with Japan, after worsening early this year, narrowed to \$4.3 billion in September, the lowest monthly figure since Mr. Lesson was accompanied by his wife, Lisa, and two 1.6 percent, to \$67.24 billion. This advance said business inventories rose 0.3 percent in \$400 million rise in U.S. exports, led by sales September, their 18th consecutive increase of autos and computers. Japanese exports to but a smaller advance than in the previous the United States declined by \$400 million.



NINE MONTH INTERIM REPORT 1995

Investor's net worth on September 30 amounted to SEK 52,769 m.* (Dec. 31, 1994: SEK 43,493 m.), or SEK 265 (218) per share. On November 16, its net worth was SEK 50,154 m., or SEK 252 per share.

The Investor Group's consolidated income after financial items amounted to SEK 3,339 m. (2,375).

Scania's sales rose by 35% to SEK 25,442 m. (18,791). Income after financial items was SEK 3,512 m. (2,379).

Saab's sales rose by 42% to SEK 4,869 m. (3,422). Income after financial items amounted to SEK 223 m. (165).

The complete interim report can be ordered from Investor's offices. The interim report is also published on Internet (http://www.investor.se).

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VALDIVIA, Chile — For most Americans, no Thanksgiving dinner would be complete without cranberry sauce. But few South Americans had ever heard of a cranberry until a Northern California investor and developer arrived here three years ago with \$20 million and a dream.

Warren Simmons, the 67-year-old developer of the Pier 39 retail complex in San Francisco and the founder of two popular chains of Mexican restaurants, hopes to build the world's largest cranberry farm in Chile to take advantage of rising demand for the fruit in the United States, Europe

and Asia. The demand is being fueled by a very successful advertising campaign by Ocean Spray Cranberries Inc., a growers' cooperative that produces about 75 percent of the world's cranberries.

Ocean Spray, based in Lakeville, Massachusetts, has capitalized on the expanding market for cranberry and other fruit juices, and on the growing use of cranberries in baked goods. Recent medical studies point to the fruit as helping to combat urinary tract infections.

Mr. Simmons has wasted little time in making his vision of Latin Americangrown cranberries a reality. Often working operation has already cultivated 700 acres to have 4,000 acres under harvest by the turn of the century.

About 30,000 acres of cranberries are sugar content and proper acidity. now being grown worldwide, mainly in the

United States and Canada. By 2000, Mr. making a big gamble," said Skip Colcord, Simmons hopes to capture about 10 permanager of marketing communications for cent of the market, which is expanding at Ocean Spray. "If Ocean Spray commues to about 10 percent a year, by selling concentrate in Europe and Asia.

Mr. Simmons said he had chosen this isolated area of Chile, about 450 miles (720 kilometers) south of Santiago, because its fertile soil and rainy climate made it ideal for cranberry bogs. Chile also has no environmental restrictions for growing cranberries. In the United States, by contrast, federal laws have made it very expensive to cultivate large bogs in wetlands, where they had traditionally been grown. Mr. Simmons is betting big on cran-

berries, which have never been produced commercially in Chile. Indeed, the word cranberry does not exist in Spanish, and most of his employees did not even know what they were planting until the company flew in samples of cranberry sauce, juice and baked goods for them to taste.

'We got a lot of strange looks when we first came down here saying that we wanted to spend millions of dollars to grow a fruit that nobody here had ever tasted," Mr.

So far, he has invested \$20 million. He xpects to have pumped as much as \$35 million into the venture by 1999, when he hopes to realize his first small cash flow.

But will it work? Industry experts not around the clock, seven days a week, with a affiliated with his operation said it was too staff of 250 employees, his Cram Chile early to tell, mainly because cranberry affiliated with his operation said it was too vines take four to five years to mature. (285 hectares) of farmland here and plans Much will depend on the fruit produced in the early plots. Berries with the highest market value are bright red, have high

The jury is still out, and Simmons is

build interest in the cranberry worldwide, well, it stands to reason that he would ben-

But the major disadvantage for Mr. Simmons is that there is no market for the fruit in South America, and he thus faces high expenses to export the fruit.

Mr. Simmons said he got the idea for growing cranberries in 1992 when his Chevys restaurants ordered a large shipment of fresh cranberries from Ocean Spray to make cranberry margaritas for the Thanksgiving and Christmas holiday season. But demand for cranberries exceeded supply that year, and Ocean Spray could

not deliver.
"That's when I knew there was an opportunity to make a serious buck growing cranberries." Mr. Simmons said. "It costs a lot to break into this business, but my strategy has always been spend whatever is ssary to get the job done."

Mr. Simmons has a track record of successful business ventures. He started the Tia Maria restaurant chain in the early 1970s, then developed San Francisco's Pier 39. Mr. Simmons and his son, Scooter, founded Chevys Mexican Restaurants, which they sold to Pepsico in 1992.

Mr. Simmons says he is financing the venture in Chile with the proceeds from that sale. So convinced is he that it will pay off that he has built a house with tennis courts here. He and his family now divide their time between Valdivia and California. Last year, Cram Chile had a small har-

vest from its first two fields. The first big harvest is not expected until 1997.

The Great Chilean Cranberry Wager Cyclical Stocks Lift Dow Even Higher

Bloomberg Business News NEW YORK - U.S. stocks rose on Wednesday as investors bought shares of big companies that benefit most when the

economy grows. Barring any bad economic news, we are due for a year-end rally," said Greg Summerville, chief investment officer at Kirr. Marbach & Co., which manages about \$700 million. Things are moving in the right

Shares of United Technologies, Aluminum Co. of Amer-

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ica and DuPont, all of which tend to do better when economic growth accelerates, gained. helping push the Dow Jones industrial average to its 61st high this year, a day after it closed above 5,000 for the first

But while the Dow average closed at 5,041.61, up 18.06, the broader market lagged. The Standard & Poor's 500 Index slipped 1.84 to 598.40, after it briefly broke through the record it set Tuesday. Declines in oil. semiconductor and beverage companies countered gains in for a second day, and concern auto, chemical and paper is-

The Nasdaq index, which contains benchmark computerrelated companies such as Microsoft and Intel, fell for a second straight day, losing 3.75 to close at 1021.24.

But on the Big Board, 1,150 shares rose and 1,117 shares declined.

The benchmark 30-year Treasury bond was off slightly, falling 5/32 to close at 107 31/ 32. The yield crept up to 6.28 percent from 6.27 percent on

Cyclical companies — those most sensitive to swings in the economy - have trailed the market's gains this year as technology and consumer-product stocks have surged. But investors now appear to be betting the economy will pick up fast enough to boost cyclical

"There is a natural tendency to go to the group that hasn't participated in the rally," said Larry Puglia, a money manager at the mutual-fund provider T Rowe Price, which manages about \$70 billion.

Another factor in the Dow's rise this week, said some analysts, has been the spread of optimism that the U.S. government would balance the budget and trim debt, possibly allowing the Federal Reserve's policy committee to cut interest rates again this year. Lower rates make it cheaper for both consumers and companies to borrow and often give profit growth an added kick.

That could help the Dow industrials' rally last into next year. The 30-stock average is up 31 percent so far this year, its best record since 1975.

The Morgan Stanley Index of 30 cyclical stocks surged 6.24, or 1.8 percent, to reach 342.97, after jumping by about the same percentage on Tuesday. Alcoa shares rose 21/8 to 5714, and United Technologies surged 11/4 to 92.

Software, computer and semiconductor shares lagged spread that the companies would not be able to increase earnings enough to meet Wall Street estimates.

Intel fell 1 1/8 to 61%, and Microsoft dropped % to 87%. Cisco Systems Inc. lost early gains to drop 3 1/8 to 751/4.

Oil companies slipped after the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries said it would keep its current output ceiling in place for another six months. Because demand has not kept pace with production, the decision could mean that oil prices will slip.

Even though the move was widely expected. Chevron's shares dropped 11/4 to 491/2, and Mobil slumped 2½ to 105½.

Peter Antos, vice president of equity investments at Connecticut Mutual Life Insurance Co. in Hartford, Connecticut. said growth would not rebound until spring.

Very briefly:

Chrysler Board Member Bows Out

HIGHLAND PARK, Michigan (Reuters) — Joseph Antonini announced his resignation Wednesday from Chrysler Corp. 's board effective immediately, saying he did not want to be an issue between the automaker and Kirk Kerkorian.

Mr. Kerkorian, who controls 14.1 percent of Chrysler stock. said this week he would propose replacing Mr. Antonini with Jerome York, vice chairman of Mr. Kerkorian's Tracinda Corp. "I have been considering a number of other opportunities, and in view of the ongoing controversy between Chrysler and Kirk Kerko-

rian, now seems to be the best possible time to get on with these

opportunities," said Mr. Antonini, a board member since 1989.

 Boeing Co.'s biggest union voted to reject a proposed contract and continue a 47-day-old strike at the aerospace company.

 Westinghouse Electric Corp. cleared the final obstacle to becoming the largest U.S. broadcasting company, winning federal approval for its proposed \$5.4 billion takeover of CBS Inc.

• Goldman, Sachs & Co., in its biggest management restructuring in 25 years, named a six-member executive committee and two other panels to oversee its business

 Gasoline prices rose to their highest level in almost two months as unusually high consumption drained refinery stockpiles. Crude oil prices were little changed after OPEC ended its biannual meeting in Vienna without changing its output quota.

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Budget Worries Snuff Out Dollar's Rally

bet aggressively on a stronger dollar while the U.S. budget debate remained unresolved, traders said. The dollar rallied in early New York ber, there's no upside for the dollar."

trading on news that the U.S. trade deficit unexpectedly narrowed in September, but the rise proved short-lived. The dollar closed at 100.90 yen, down

from 101.50 yen, but was up to 1.4104 Deutsche marks from 1.4080 DM.

NEW YORK — The dollar closed Earl Johnson, Bank of Montreal currency mixed against other major currencies adviser. "Until we get the budget resolved, Wednesday as investors were unwilling to and that won't happen until mid-Decem-

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Traders also were wary about holding dollars over the Thanksgiving holiday. U.S. markets will be closed Thursday.

"The fact that negotiations over the budget won't start up again until next week up from 4.8575 francs. The pound climbed have held back interest," said Margaret to \$1.5637 from \$1.5570. 'We had a very good trade number, but Kudarauskas, analyst at Technical Data.

In the past month, the U.S. currency has traded in a range no wider than 1.3810 DM to 1,4265 DM and 99,40 yen to 104,14 yen. Many traders expect the dollar to remain near these levels for weeks.

"The market is realizing they didn't settle anything; they just postponed it," said Dave Glowacki, a currency trader at NBD Bank.

lar closed at 1.1367 Swiss francs, off from 1.1373 francs, and at 4.8605 French francs,

Against other major currencies, the dol-

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Forte Calls Granada's Bid Of \$5.3 Billion Too Small

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vehicle to increase its presence in the hotel sec-

London hotels are believed by many to be leading a recovery in the European hotel in-dustry, which has been battered by falling revenue and occupancy rates.

Forte said its board "strongly advises shareholders to reject the offer, which totally fails to Granada tried to discourage that view. recognize the value of Forte."

Fone owns Travelodge and Meridien hotels, Little Chef roadside restaurants and 68 percent of the Savoy hotels, among other services. Granada owns a string of roadside service centers and is Britain's second-largest contract catering concern. It also supplies television systems to hotels and rents televisions to private homes.

"Clearly, we're making hotels a more serious part of the business," said Granada's chief executive, Gerry Robinson. "It's not a complicated business - it's about filling rooms for the best price you can get in the most sophisticated way, and it's about selling the add-on services."

Investors appeared to back Forte, as its shares jumped 72 pence to close at 347, well above group is in excellent shape.

LONDON — Forte PLC on Wednesday turned shares and £23.25 in cash for every 15 Forte back a £3.4 billion (\$5.3 billion) takeover bid from shares. Based on Granada's closing price Granada Group PLC, which had sought Forte as a Wednesday of 650 pence, down 45, Granada was offering £49.25 for each lot of 15 Forte shares, but the market valued those shares at £52.05. Granada also offered a full cash alternative of

Analysts said Forte's share price indicated that vestors believed other bidders might enter the bidding or that Granada might sweeten its offer.

"We think that's a fair offer reflecting what the business is worth and what we think we can do with it," said Granada's chief operating of-ficer, Charles Allen. "The businesses we are in fall into two categories — media and hospitality.
Two years ago, 50 percent of our business came

from rentals; this year, it's 30 percent."

Granada also said its full-year pretax profit rose a better-than-expected 32 percent, bolstered by growth in all its businesses. Pretax profit for year ended Sept. 30 was £351.3 million.

We have had another successful year with all divisions increasing their profits, with particularly strong performances in television and leisure and services," Mr. Robinson said. "The

Lyonnais Sales **H**ang Over French **Property Market**

By Max Berley Special to the Herald Tribune

PARIS - The French real-estate market, already hit by a severe depression, is girding for a shock when, beginning in early 1996, a huge chunk of the assets of Crédit Lyonnais SA will be put up

The announcement Wednesday of the 50 billion franc (\$10.28 billion) sale deepens the problems of a market already shaken by the disclosure this week that Barclavs France, a unit of Barclays Bank PLC of Britain, was having a hard time finding buyers for its 2 billion franc real-estate portfolio, even though it is rumored to have offered the holdings at a substantial discount.

Analysts said the real-estate market was dreading the beginning of a so-called truth-in-pricing operation to be launched early next year when the Consortium de Réalisation, the entity in charge of selling off some of Crédit Lyonnais's assets, begins liquidating real estate at prices that are supposed to reflect

market values. "Right now, the market is overvalued simply because there are no transactions." a Paris real-estate analyst said. "But any attempt to sell large amounts of real estate would necessarily involve major discounts and would shatter the market.'

The real estate is part of the 135 billion francs of assets removed from Crédit Lyonnais's balance sheet as part of a state-sponsored bailout plan this spring.

Analysts say French real estate is probably overvalued by about 30 percent, as it has remained close to the levels prevailing before the Gulf War and before the real-estate market began to collapse in 1990.

They say prices have maintained a "sort of mis-leading equilibrium" because most large real-estate operators and owners have been reluctant to place their assets on the market in a depressed environment.

French companies are having to come up with ways of dealing with the legacy of overinvestment in real estate during the boom years of the

Compagnie Générale des Eaux said Wednesday it would spend 500 million francs to acquire George V, a real-estate management and development company, to help it reorganize its real-estate activities, which are expected to generate a loss of 6.7 billion francs in 1995.

Chairman Jean-Marie Messier said that by combining all its real-estate activities in a new unit, Compagnie Générale pour l'Immobilier, the company hoped to reduce its real-estate losses to about 1 billion francs in 1996.

Profits Rise At Swedish **Forestry Companies**

STOCKHOLM — Two forestry companies reported strong profits for the first nine months of the year Wednesday but warned of falling demand and prices for many of their key

Svenska Cellulosa AB posted pretax profit of 4.31 billion kronor (\$659.8 million), almost triple the 1.59 billion kronor it earned in the like period last year. Sales more than doubled, to 50.28 billion kronor from 24.73 billion kronor. Profit included 795 million kronor from Papierwerke Waldhof-Aschaffenburg AG, a German forestry company it bought this year.

The second company, Mo & Domsjö AB, known as MoDo, reported falling demand for fine paper, board and pulp during the third quarter as a seasonal decline coincided with a reduction of inventories by customers. Nine-month pretax profit at

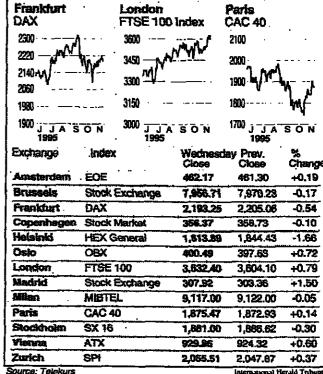
MoDo soared to 4.32 billion kronor from 1.01 billion kronor a year earlier. Sales rose 20 percent, to 17.26 billion kronor. Shares in MoDo rose 7 kro-

nor, to 324, while Svenska Cellulosa stock rose 2, to 112, "MoDo's result was surprisingly strong," said Mads Asprem, an analyst at Morgan Stanley & Co. "Results should continue to be strong in the next

couple of quarters. Svenska Cellulosa said sales growth had fallen in the third quarter as the seasonal downturn on the packaging and fine paper markets was "far greater than normal." Weaker market demand led to a fall in prices for fine paper, recycled paper, pulp and packaging raw materials to-ward the end of the period, the

company added. Mikael Jaafs, an analyst at Swedbank, said, "Although I am positive share prices will rise in the short term, I am sig-nificantly downgrading 1997 earnings forecasts for the industry because it looks like demand really has peaked."

MoDo said demand was still strong for certain printing papers, such as newsprint. (Bloomberg, Reuters) software maintenance business. said.



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Very briefly:

VEBA AG awarded a contract to International Business Machines Corp. and LM Ericsson AB to supply software for a telecommunications network that it hopes will help it compete when the German market is deregulated in 1998. Executives familiar with the contract said it could be worth 500 million to 1 billion Deutsche marks (\$355 million to \$710 million).

• Bertelsmann AG will launch its on-line-services venture with America Online Inc. at the end of next week.

• The European Commission will postpone by a year a ban on imports of furs from countries using leghold traps. It said it hoped the delay will allow Canada, the United States and Russia to agree on new international trapping standards.

British Telecommunications PLC and the Dutch railway company Nederlands Spoorwegen are forming a joint venture to try to win a second Dutch fixed telephone-network license.

 Nordbanken AB said nine-month operating profit rose 25 percent, to 4.54 billion Swedish kronor (\$695 million), and cited a drop in bad debt. Bloomberg, Reuters

EU Confirms DEC Raids

BRUSSELS - The Euroraided offices of Digital Equipment Corp. in Britain, Germany and the Netherlands.

The raids were reportedto be in response to formal complaints by other companies that Digital had engaged in anticompetititive practices in its

on the U.S.-based company pean Commission confirmed started Tuesday. Digital said it Wednesday that its officials had was cooperating with the inwas cooperating with the in-quiry but had no information on the allegations or on what companies had made them.

"Our legal department is convinced that Digital is complying with competition laws in all the countries where we operate," a spokesman for Digital (Reuters, AFX)

Reed Elsevier Sells Assets

AMSTERDAM - Reed Elsevier PLC said Wednesday it had sold some Dutch and British newspaper units, as well as other assets, for £740 million (\$1.15 billion) to raise money to expand other areas of its publishing business.

The sale was in line with the company's & Co. strategy, outlined in July, of selling newspaper units to focus on scientific, professional and business publishing.

The Anglo-Dutch publisher announced a total

of five asset sales and said about £685 million of the proceeds would be left after selling costs and

The Dutch sale included Nederlandse Dagbladunie BV - publisher of the national dailies and to reduce borrowing costs.

NRC Handelsblad and Algemeen Dagblad — which was sold to PCM Unigevers NV for 865 million guilders (\$550 million).

In Britain, Reed Regional Newspapers was sold for £205 million to the New York-based investment company Kohlberg. Kravis, Roberts

Analysts said it was not yet clear exactly how much of the proceeds would end up as a one-time profit this year. "It will be a significant amount," said Henk Slotboom, head of research

at the Dutch brokerage concern Amstgeld NV. Reed Elsevier said it planned to use proceeds from the sales to pay for acquisitions and investments in its professional publishing business

2 Parties Hang Up on Plan to Curb EU Telemarketing

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from the European Parlia- and "e-mail" sales calls. The ment's two biggest party groups committee said it was respondsaid Wednesday they would oppose a proposed ban on "cold about hard-sell telemarketing. call" telephone and electronicmail marketing, spelling likely defeat for the measure.

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> impact in Britain, Sweden and the Netherlands, where telemarketing is widely used by the publishing, tourism, financial-services and mail-order industries. European Parliament mem-

case, lawmakers from the Socialist and European Peoples Party groups said they would oppose the measure. The European Parliament

is usually reluctant to go for absolute positions," said Tony Robinson, spokesman for the ry, a spokesman for the Eu-Socialist group, "An absolute ropean People's Party.

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lawmakers are likely to vote against the proposal. "If there's any degree of dispute, the measure won't get through," said Robert Fitzhen-

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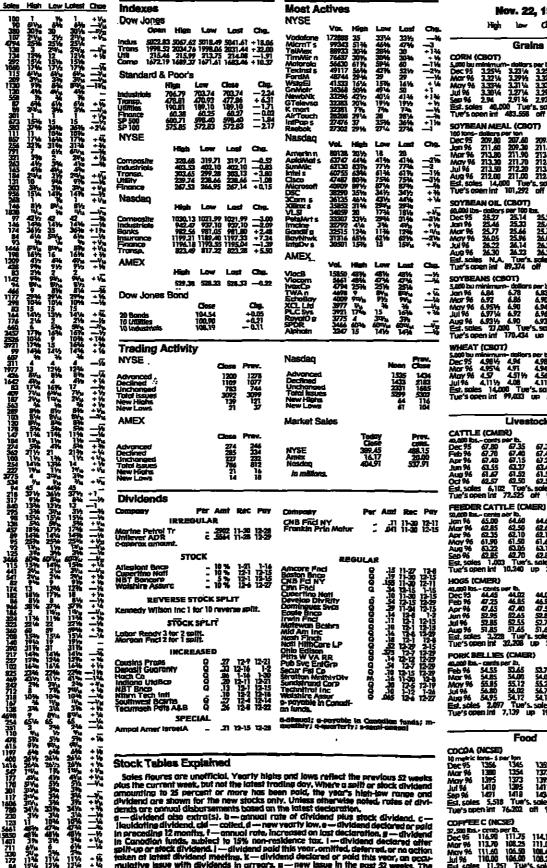
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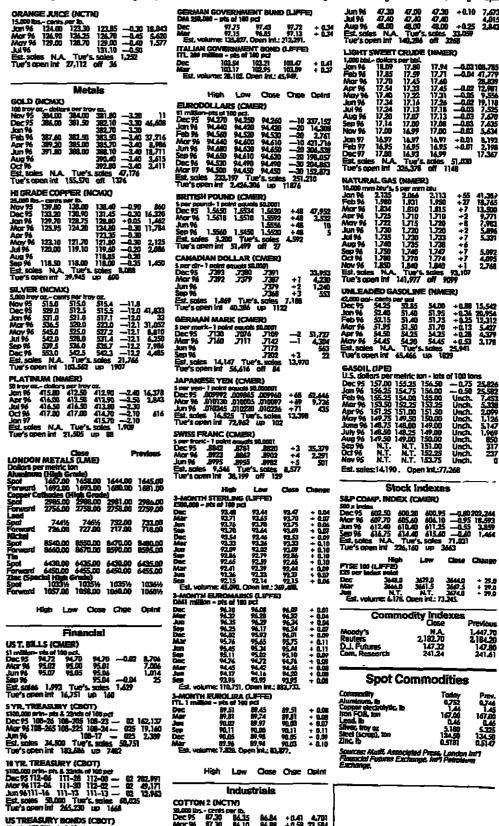
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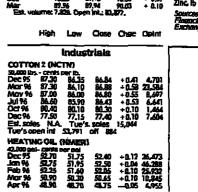
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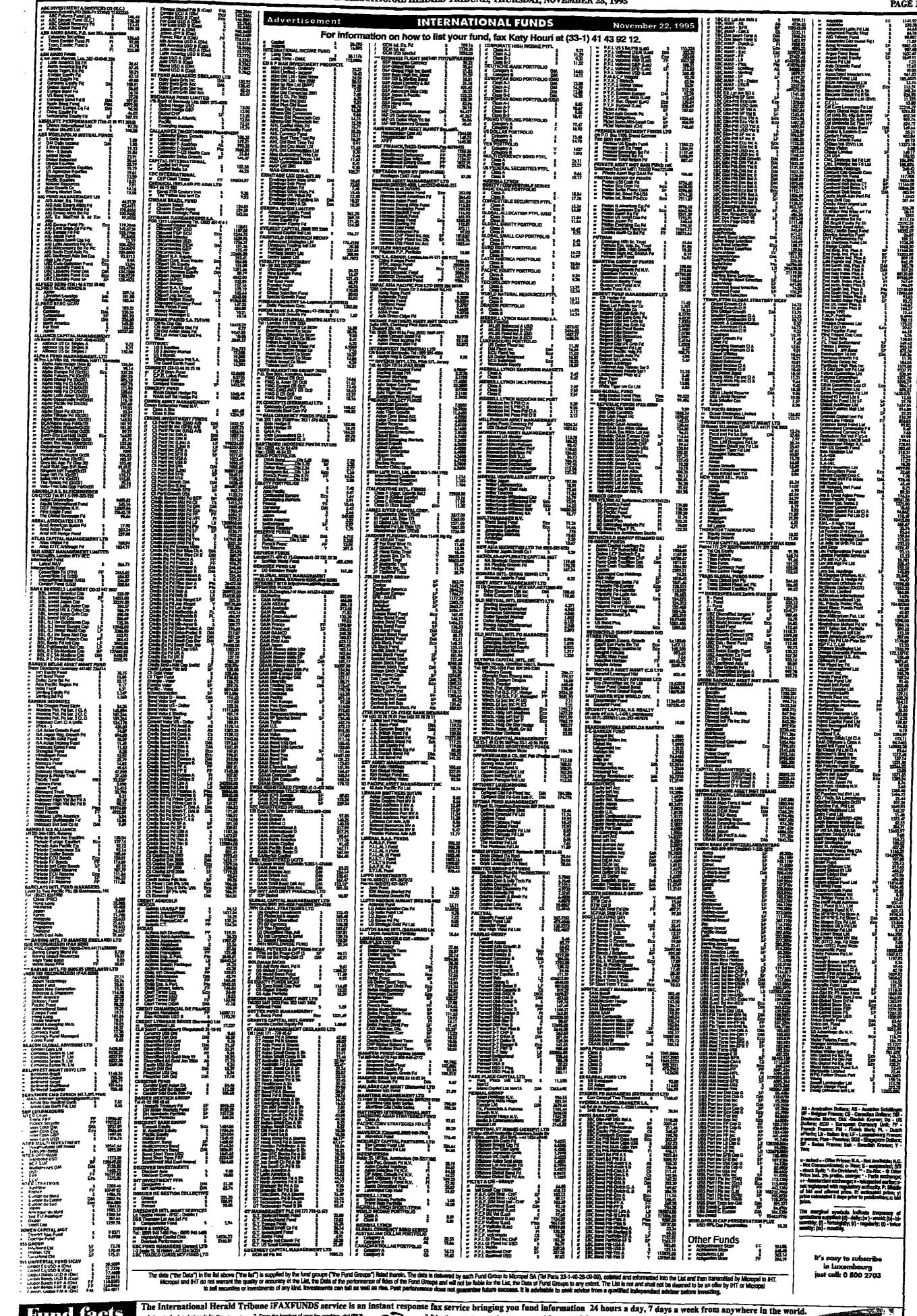
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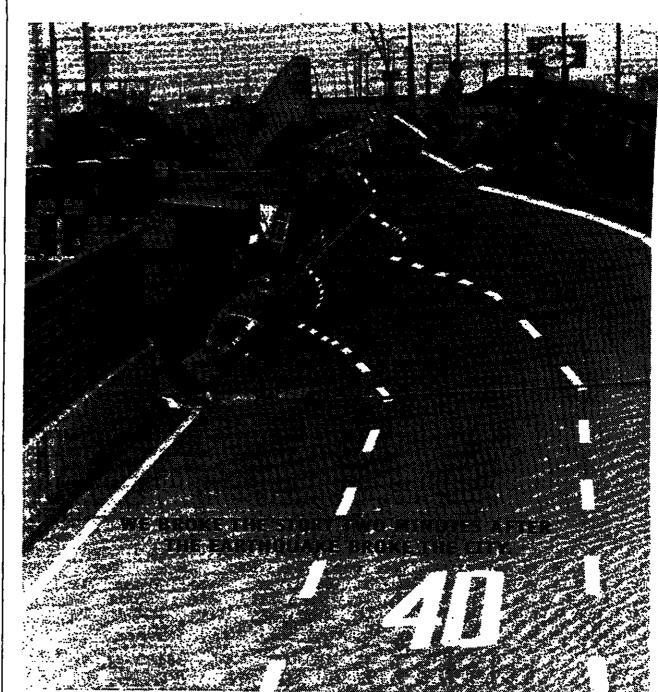
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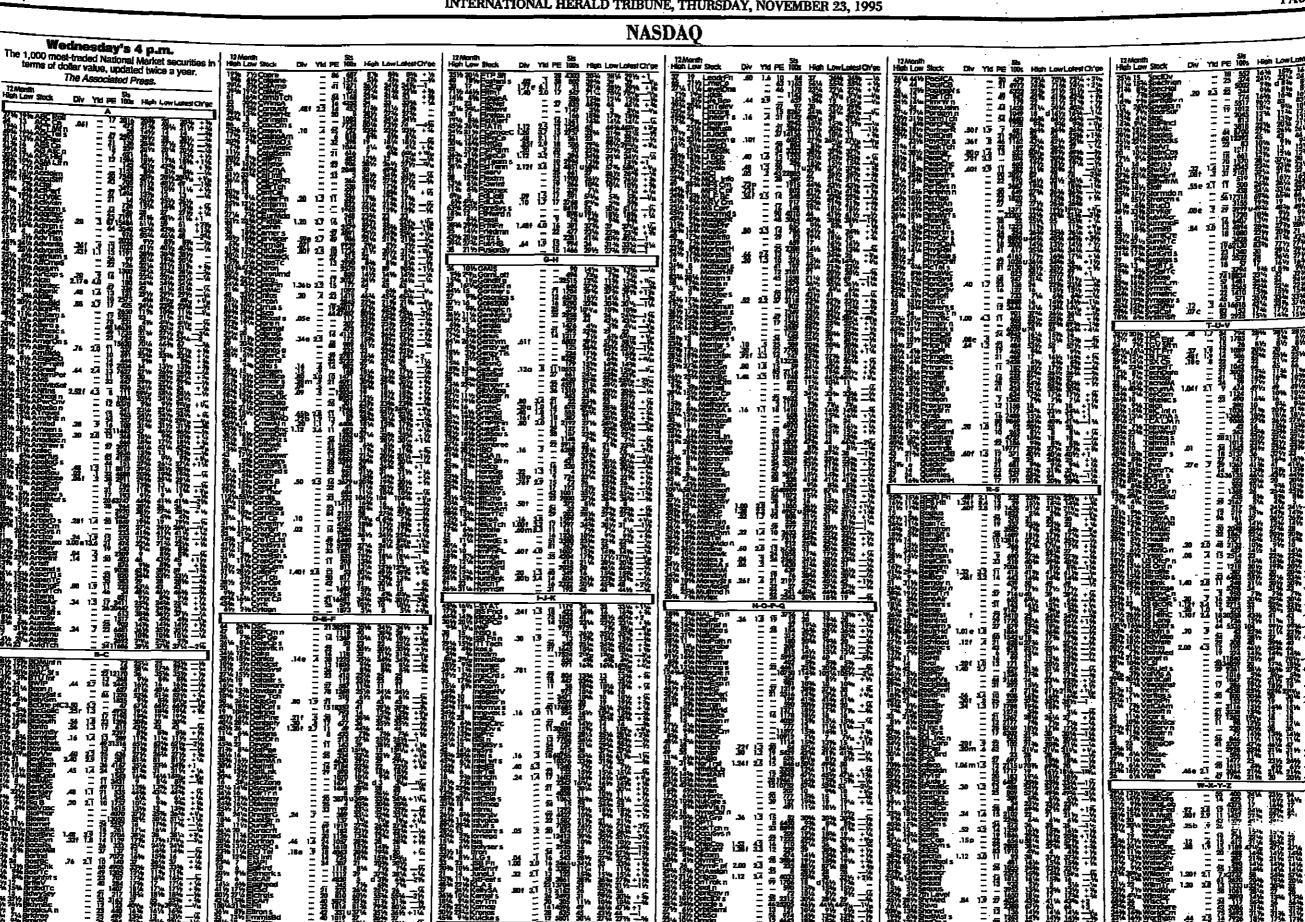
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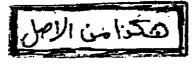
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By Samuel Abt International Herald Tribuna

SHANGHAI -- Planning to send a letter soon from Beijing to Boston or from Dresden to Detroit? Just stick on some Thomas Jefferson stamps, maybe a Beetle Bailey or an Elvis or two, and call the U.S. Postal Service.

The who?

"The 33d largest corporation in the world," explained Mark Gorski. "The world," explained Mark Gorski. "The world," explained Mark Gorski. "The first off." "We're building an international busi-U.S. Postal Service delivers, I think, 40 percent of the world's mail, they had more than \$50 billion in revenue last year, and they did \$1.5 billion in revenue outside the want to do is attract people's attention. We United States. Their goal is to double that overseas revenue in the next five years."

not available yet, coming under the heading of "future additional products." Instead, the U.S. Postal Service is linking itself with mail systems around the world — it has just signed a contract with Mexico, is nego-Japan and is investigating the European market. It is doing all this "to say we're in the global business," as Loren Smith, the chief marketing officer and senior vice president of the Postal Service, puts it.

around the world," he said by telephone from Washington. "But we primarily want to make it known that we're a global delivery company. We have local delivery capability anywhere in the world.

"In Japan, for example, we deliver cat-alogues for L.L. Bean and Land's End. We offer expedited processing at this end, we help getting goods through customs, col-

'We're building an international business, and we want people to know about it." Mr. Smith added. "The first thing you want to get in front of spectators."

Enter Mr. Gorski, a 35-year-old Amer-That's who. But the direct mail service is ican who won a gold medal on the bicycle of available yet, coming under the heading track at the 1984 Olympic Games in Los Angeles. He is general manager of the new U.S. Postal Service professional bicycle team, which competed in the recent Tour of China in white jerseys with red and blue tiating one with Canada, works closely with shoulders, the name of the team and a huge picture of the \$10.75 space launch stamp.

'Sales of commemorative stamps are big business for the Postal Service around the world, especially in China, where they take stamp collecting seriously," said Dan Os-We want to sell stamps to collectors ipow, 30, the ream's operations manager.

"We were going to use the Marilyn Monroe stamp on the jersey, but it got voted down at the last minute — that's a joke."

offers us the opportunity to entertain businessmen at major races. If I were a European who wanted to break into the American Instead Mr. Osipow was distributing pins of the Monroe stamp near the Great Wall.

By sponsoring a bicycleracing team, the service seeks to attract business in Asia and Europe.

'Next time, we'll have James Dean pins.

Louis Armstrong, you name him."
The lunar-liftoff stamp will be gone for the next race, replaced by a corporate blue eagle. "This is a one-time China jersey," Mr. Osipow said. "Once the sponsor heard about the Tour of China, it wanted to be a big part of that.

They wanted to be an event sponsor as

well, and they've received the benefits an event sponsor gets, including their posters hanging near the finish line and the ability to sell commemorative stamps in VIP areas." Mr. Smith corroborated that. "Ninety

percent of the world's mail is business-

ican market. I'd sign up to sponsor a and Mike Engleman, will number 13 or 14 haskethall team. In Europe, the sport that has a tremendous following is bicycle racing. That's why we're in it now.' Passing the chicken with cashews at

dinner in a Shanghai hotel, Mr. Gorski explained why and how, in a period of U.S. Postal Service signed a three-year contract for more than \$6 million to take over the Montgomery-Bell team. "This sponsorship will be justified pri-

marily through international exposure," he The exposure we generate in the United States is really not that critical. Europe and Asia are critical.

When you sell cycling to an American company, he said, when you're talking about a \$2 million to \$6 million investment, there's no way the exposure generated by cycling in America can justify that investment. There are not enough events; there's not enough television exposure.

"International cycling is another matter. The sport generates big exposure, television numbers, spectator numbers, media numbers — it's really, really strong. Peo-ple love this sport and are incredibly pasinitiated," he said, "and our sponsorship

The team, which will be led by two veteran American riders, Andy Hampsten racers and probably be based in France. For its first full season in 1996, it will not aspire to the World Cup classics or the Tour de France, Mr. Gorski said, but will concentrate on smaller races to allow its young American and Polish riders to gain experience and declining sponsorship of bicycle teams, the the computer points needed for big events.

"Our long-term goal is to win the Tour de France," he said. "And that will take a big budget. It's clearly going to take a \$6 million. \$8 million or \$10 million annual budget to win the Tour. So, in addition to a seven-figure sponsor, we're going to have three or four low-six-figure sponsors."

Mr. Gorski, who majored in business administration at the University of Michigan, has also worked as a vice president of Wells Fargo Bank in California and as director of corporate development for the U.S. Cycling Federation in Colorado. He retired six years ago as a competitive cyclist after a highly successful career of international victories on the road and track.

including the Olympic sprint gold medal. "For six or seven years I had endorsements with major companies and represented them as an athlete and spokesman,

he said. That was a great education for me." Mr. Gorski looked amused when it was suggested that he had been lucky to find

a sponsor in a time of dwindling interest.

"Starting in mid-May," he replied, "we had a number of companies, major, major corporations, five, six interested companies

anybody would know. 'I talked to the Anheuser Busches and the AT&Ts. We had a few lines of communication with Euro Disney.

The bottom line is that there are so few good people marketing the sport to American companies. We've got our sponsor. but I honestly think there are three to five American companies that do business around the world that would easily commit to international cycling.

U.S. Postal Service beat everyone to it. We walked away from a number of good prospects. This was the first one to say. 'Let's do it.

"I'm very confident that if they hadn't said that, we would have signed someone else to do it."

He's probably right. But who could think of a better sponsor for a bicycle team than a company whose motto is "Neither snow, nor rain, nor heat nor gloom of night shall stay these couriers from the swift completion of their appointed rounds"?

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WELLS: Bank Takes a Risky Road in Responding to Industry's Plight BURMA: Seeking Investment Continued from Page 13

most of its cards are in what it considers a dying industry? For one, it has one of the

sharpest pencils in the business when it comes to cutting costs. This rigorous discipline was championed by Carl E. Reichardt, who served as chair-

man from 1983 through 1994. In that time, Wells pared nonproductive growth such as enormous bet on real-estate overseas offices to focus on a loans, the industry in which handful of business lines.

This approach led the bank to abandon home mortgages late folio that weathered Califor-

last year. With California's re- nia's real-estate collapse. savings-and-loans providing cutthroat competi-Wells Fargo's profit targets, to put \$2.5 billion into its reand mortgage customers did not buy enough other products to

Wells Fargo has long sought out lending specialties where higher risk brings a higher return. Mr. Reichardt placed an

tion, mortgages did not meet and investors, leading the bank

For the future, Mr. Hazen will go light on real estate and instead emphasize lending in another area that has long been difficult for other banks: small businesses. Wells Fargo has developed a computer model that it says is far more efficient than

add to its reserves; that has lift-

traditional bankers at deciding But the huge exposure whether to lend money to a caused panic among regulators business. This allows the bank to mail preapproved credit offers to businesses, a consumer marketing tactic that is rarely serves, far more than it needed. used with businesses. Now the bank has no need to

The bank is using similar computer models to justify expanding loans to customers previously seen as too risky -loans that carry higher rates.

Perhaps the bank's riskiest play is its assumption that it can persuade a vast percentage of its customers to abandon traditional branches and go electronic.

tomer checks an account balance in a branch office, it costs the bank \$10; talking to the customer on the phone costs \$3, and automated touch-tone tele-

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cesses of its Asian neighbors to the south and east.

'I have been very, very sarisfied with the amount of support the government has given us," said Serge Pun, a Burmese émigré who now splits his time between Hong Kong and Rangoon. He has established 10 businesses in Rangoon in the last few years, including the

Yoma Bank. "It has taken a while to establish their confidence," Mr. Pun said of the generals and Its sharp pencil explains the their technocrat advisers map-bank's motive: When a cusping out a new capitalist road ping out a new capitalist road for the country. "But in the last year or so we have passed that

On the surface, it appears the country is already on the mend. phone access costs 40 cents. On revived by investors such as the Internet - where Wells Mr. Pun. Rangoon's streets Fargo has the most sophisticat- now boast many hallmarks of ed offering of any major bank
— the cost is virtually nil.

an Asia-style boom, and there are signs that there is probably are signs that there is probably

no turning back from economic

New Japanese cars and mo-torbikes fill streets once dominated by leftovers from the 1940s. A flood of new goods has hit the town's shops. Signs for imported beer, cosmetics. video recorders, refrigerators and laundry soap tempt pent-up consumer demand from an emerging middle class.

Dozens of new hotels and a handful of office buildings are rising all around town to house the armies of expected tourists and business people.

The government has allowed privately owned banks to open. it plans also to sell several stateowned businesses, returning many of them to individuals that owned them before widespread nationalizations in

A new securities law is expected to be promulgated soon. establishing the foundation for a stock market and tighter regulation of as many as 20 com-panies that have sold shares to

local investors. There is a lot to be done," said Kyi Aye, governor of the Central Bank of Myanmar. "But we have to find a place to start. We must get the ball rolling. The economy needs to have a lot of public companies and a way for

them to raise money. Beneath the construction dust and the bullishness of a maii ente, seriou problems remain.

Sustaining the recent upturn will be impossible without continued reform and foreign help still restrained by the political impasse, analysts said.

Apart from the new hotels and an offshore gas project led by Total SA of France and Unocal Corp. of the United States, few significant foreign investments of any kind can be found in recent public records.

Close examination of government accounts also reveals that overall investment in the economy as a percentage of gross domestic product has been falling, along with social spend-

ing and government revenue. Inflation has consistently run at about 30 percent, based on a Rangoon-area index that does not include imports. Public-sector employees, who have little access to foreign currency, have

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not had a raise in several years. There are serious questions about the land's ability to produce much more rice on a sustainable basis and whether the government can afford to rely on rice as a major export earner if domestic prices, and the chance of social instability, rise much

"I have never seen a place where the real economic situation and the hype are so far apart," said one Rangoon-Rapid increases in military

spending account for many of the difficulties in the government's fiscal position. Analysts say defense may be taking as much as half of all public expenditure. At the same time, the country's foreign debt is increasingly in arrears. Some of our creditors have

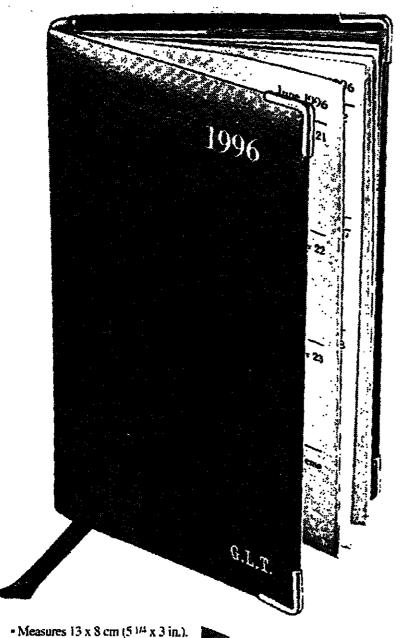
begun to consider rescheduling our debt." said Daw Khine Khine of the Myanmar Investment Commission in response to questions about the worsening foreign debt situation. "But some have failed us, too."

She was referring to the keen frustrations among many senior officials that the country remains cut off from development aid because of its political

Without costly new power supplies and transport infras-tructure, probably only possible with foreign aid, Burma's pro-gress will be in jeopardy, analysts said.

It remains to be seen whether the military government will offer political concessions of whether major donor countries will choose to encourage political change through economic aid, diplomats said.

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Beijing to Offer **Tax Grace Period** To Foreign Firms

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eign companies a grace period of as long as two years before requiring payment of a new tax

Beijing will impose the tax, the exact amount of which is still uncertain, beginning April 1, 1996, but companies will not be required to pay until the grace period expires, said Lu Jianhua, an official at the Ministry of Foreign Trade and Economic Cooperation.
The U.S.-China Business

Council in Beijing has estimated that the end of duty-free capital imports will raise the cost of setting up a business in China by an average of 28 percent. For companies with large capital requirements, the increase would

Companies whose business agreements are completed before the end of 1995 are to receive the payment extension, but those that set up after April 1. 1996 will have to pay the new

import duties immediately.
Western executives said the new tax had the potential to substantially inflate the cost of

doing business in China.

"If you have an investment whose cost increases by 40 percent, that's very significant," said Stephen Schnell, managing director of General Motors

GM signed a \$1 billion agree-BELJING - China said ment with Shanghai Automo-Wednesday it would give for- tive Industry Corp. to produce sedans in the city.

The impact of the new tax is to be softened by reductions in othon their capital-goods imports. er tariffs as China aims to satisfy entry requirements for the World Trade Organization, the agency

that governs global commerce. The tax changes are part of a delicate balancing act for Chinese policymakers as they try to gain admittance to the WTO while improving revenue flows, protecting uncompetitive stateowned enterprises and keeping

foreign investment coming. You're not going to get all these things done absolutely, said Terence Ting, a direct-investment fund manager at Crosby Asset Management (Hong Kong) Ltd. "But provided the actual tariff rate is reasonable, companies may continue their

investment plans. China is catching up to the United States as the world's largest recipient of foreign cap-ital, with investment rising 11.9 percent in the first nine months of the year, to \$25.4 billion.

'It's starting to sink in that China is not a 1.2 billion-person resigned from Telecom's board. Corp. in Shanghai. Last month, ebbing of foreign investment."

Enron Pact Lifts India's Prospects

By Allen R. Myerson New York Times Service

A tentative agreement by the state government in Bombay to allow Enron Corp. to go ahead with a \$3 billion power-plant project near that city signals that India will probably continue to embrace, however hesitantly, the foreign investors it so desperately needs.

The Hindu nationalist leaders of Maharashtra state scrapped the plant, the nation's largest foreign project, in August, then reconsidered amid legal threats and in view of India's huge power needs.
The reversal could relieve investors who

had started asking whether India, the world's second most populous country.

was worth the aggravation and risks.

Manohar Joshi, chief minister of Maharashtra, said in India that Enron and a panel appointed by his government had agreed to reduce the costs of the project and of the electricity produced. Negotiators were discussing a possible \$300 million reduction in initial electricity charges. Erron and the Maharashtra State Electricity Board have agreed in principle that the board will buy a 30 percent stake in the project, but neither side said whether

the sale would actually take place. Enron, which is based in Houston and whose national government guaranteed the project's fulfillment.

But newly elected Maharashtra politicians accused Enron of padding the project's costs by more than \$700 million and corrupting politicians to win high electricity rates without competitive bidding. The attacks on Enron cast doubt on India's four-year-old commitment to eco-

nomic change and openness.
The agreement on Tuesday, by a threemember panel of experts, must still be approved by the Maharashtra cabinet. which expects to act by Dec. 10. Until then, Euron has agreed to suspend an

expenses and as much as \$2 billion in damages including lost profits.

The Maharashtra government faced a crucial arbitration meeting in that case Friday in London, Although legal specialists have described Enron's arguments is the largest natural gas company in the as strong, they also note that it can take United States, was invited into India by decades for foreign companies to collect Prime Minister P. V. Narasimha Rao, awards from agencies or corporations in India. Enron's costs for mothballing the project, its foundations in place, amounted to \$250,000 a day.

The state's leading party, Shiv Sena, reconsidered its position and began formal negotiations with Enron less than two weeks ago. A dispute with a large minority party in the governing coalition could still block cabinet approval of the new accord. That party, the Bharatiya Janata, plans to challenge Mr. Rao in elections next year.

Despite the political discord, Ronald J. Barone, who follows Enron for Paine Webber, said the state government was likely to back the project and that it would cut in the plant's cost to allow an 8 percent arbitration case in London in which it still offer Enron attractive returns,



HK Telecom Affirms Path

HONG KONG — Linus Cheung, chief executive of Hongkong Telecommunications Ltd., said Wednesday there would be no change in strategy under its new chairman

Cable & Wireless PLC, which holds 57.5 percent of Hongkong Telecom, named Brian Smith its nonexecutive chairman Tuesday That growth rate could slow succeeding Lord Young, who also resigned from the C&W once the new tax policies are enforced, however.

chairmanship. On Wednesday, Mr. Smith, chairman of the airport operator BAA PLC, was also named chairman of Telecom. James Ross, who stepped down Tuesday as C&W's chief executive, also

open market, 'said Paul Vout, a Shanghai-based lawyer. "The impact you'll see is a gradual ebbing of foreign investment." Seeking to allay concerns over the changes, which arose from a struggle for dominance of C&W's board, Mr. Cheung said, "I don't foresee a change in our strategy." Asked if he was a candidate for a c&W post, he said he had no plans to work outside Hong Kong.

Very briefly:

 ANZ Banking Group Ltd.'s net profit for the year ended in September rose 28 percent, to 1.05 billion Australian dollars (\$781.5 million), as loan-loss provisions fell sharply.

a class-action suit against its Telectronics Pacing Systems Inc. unit in a compensation case over faulty pacemaker wires.

its first half rise 41 percent, to 14.27 billion yen (\$140.6 million); sales rose 2 percent, to 310.7 billion yen.

South Korea's exports designated for the United States fell to an all-time low of 19.2 percent of total exports in the first 10 months of the next five years, the news agency Xinhua reported. 1995, compared with 30 percent in 1990; total exports rose 34 percent, to \$101.9 billion.

• Tata Iron & Steel Co.'s net profit rose 132 percent in the half-year

to September, to 2 billion rupees (\$57.5 million), as the company doubled production for makers of cars and consumer goods.

India will invite fresh tenders to run basic telephone services in • Pacific Dunlop Ltd. of Australia said a U.S. court had certified 10 areas of the country Friday; previous bids for the areas were

 william Lines Inc. of the Philippines plans to acquire Carlos A.
 Ricoh Co.'s sales of digital color copiers helped pretax profit for
 Gothong Lines Inc. and Aboitiz Shipping Corp. in a 5.69 billion peso (\$217 million) share swap.

> American Standard Inc., a maker of home appliances and automobile accessories, plans to invest \$750 million in China over

> Chrysler Corp. is to bring two new models to Japan; the Stratus LE sedan and the luxury Stratus LX will go on sale at Chrysler's 10 outlets and 108 contracted dealers Dec. 10.
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6-Month Profit Triples at NTT

TOKYO - Nippon Telegraph & Telephone Corp., facing a debate over its future as a single company, said Wednesday a rebound in its domestic telephone business helped its profit more than triple in the six months ended Sept. 30.

The company said current, or pretax, profit for the half-year was 126.78 billion yen (\$1.25 billion). up 257 percent from the like period last year. Sales rose 6 percent, to 3.028 tril-

Net profit surged to 99.2 billion yen from 19.6 billion ven last year, in part on a one-time gain of 4.74 billion yen from the sale of shares in a software subsidiary.

Tokyo is considering a break-up of NTT like the 1984 break-up of AT&T Corp. in the United States. NTT opposes the move.

Qantas Ponders New Share Class

SYDNEY — Qantas Airways Ltd., bracing for a new era of competition in South Pacific air transport, said Wednesday it was consulting its bankers about creating a separate class of shares

for foreign investors. the local and overseas institutions, and they are both now talking to each other," Gary Pem"We could well be entering a period of fu berton, chairman of Qantas, said after the company's annual meeting.

The Australian government imposed a 49 percent ceiling on foreign ownership of Qantas when it sold its 75 percent stake in the carrier to the public in July.

At that time, the government balked at creto a successful public offering. But the agreement last week by Air New

Zealand to buy 25 percent to 50 percent of Ansett Reorganization at Coles Myer Airways, a Qantas competitor, could change the dynamics of air transport in the region. The for-Air New Zealand to complete the deal.

Mr. Pemberton said there was "no doubt" Qantas's share price would rise if foreign buyers without worrying about the 49 percent limit. He said options being considered included director of Mayne N designating the shares differently or having two health-care concern.

classes of shares. He said Qantas would wait until its next annual meeting to put a proposal before shareholders.

Mr. Pemberton also said Qantas would consider selling its 19.4 percent stake in Air New Zealand in light of the Ansett deal but that Qantas 'We are in fairly active discussion with both needed to proceed carefully until it had "a

'We could well be entering a period of further significant change in aviation policy." Mr. Pemberton said. "In this environment, our equity interest in Air New Zealand becomes important.

It will raise a multitude of considerations.' Earlier, the Qantas chairman told shareholders the airline was "on target" to achieve a net profit of 255 million Australian dollars (\$189.8 milating a separate class of shares for foreigners lion) in the year ending June 30, 1996, the because demand from abroad was seen as the key amount forecast in its offering prospectus. (Bloomberg, AFX, Reuters)

Coles Myer Ltd. said it would streamline its 12 retail businesses into two separate operating eign-ownership law would have to be waived for divisions to reflect the company's strategy of coordinating and integrating its core brands.

The reorganization came as Bob Dalziel, who could be sure they could buy large blocks of shares headed the Australian retailing giant's discountstore operations, resigned to become managing director of Mayne Nickless Ltd., a transport and

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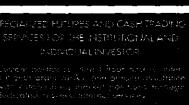


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RALLYING Colin McRae, a 27-yearold Scot became the youngest world champion rally driver after beating Carlos Sainz of Spain by 36 seconds in the British RAC Rally.

McRae shrugged off second-day punctures that saw him slip one minute 14 seconds behind Sainz, a Subaru teammate, to claim the crown after two days of almost total domination on the treacherous forest roads of Wales. He won 11 of the 14 special stages to defeat Sainz.

Baltimore Bengals?

FOOTBALL The NFL is considering having the Cincinnati Bengals and the Baltimore-bound Cleveland Browns switch names, with the Bengals moving to Cleveland, a Baltimore television station reported. The Bengals would become the Cleveland Browns and the Browns the Baltimore Bengals.

The Bengals immediately dismissed the report as "wild speculation," and Cleveland's mayor said that such a move would be "reprehensible."

WBAL said the league is discussing the plan with both teams in hopes that Cleveland, the larger of the two television markets, would not be left without a team when the Browns move to Baltimore.

Rubin Replaces Seles

TENNIS Chanda Rubin will replace Monica Seles on the United States' team for the Fed Cup final against Spain this weekend.

Rubin, 15th in the WTA world rankings, complained that her back felt 'tight' at a training session on Tues-"She feels fine now," the U.S. Tennis Association spokeswoman said. "But Martina Navratilova is still on standby in the States." (Reuters)

Chris Evert is expecting her third

child in June. Evert and her husband Andy Mill are spending Thanksgiving at their Boca Raton home, and word of the family addition was announced Tuesday by her publicist. Evert, 40, won 18 Grand Slam tournament titles. (AP)

Record Rises and Falls

WEIGHTLIFTING Pirros Dimas broke his own world record in the clean-and-jerk on his way to winning gold in the 83-kilogram class at the world weighlifting championships Wednesday. The Greek lifted 212.5 kilograms, beating the record of 211

kilograms. Tang Weifang also set a clean-andjerk world record as China took gold and silver in the women's 70-kilogram category. Tang lifted 129. (Reuters)

WORLD ROUNDUP Borussia Dortmund **Upsets Juventus, 2-1**

Borussia Dortmund of Germany beat Juventus at Turin, 2-1, on Wednesday to clinch a berth in the European Cup quarterfinals alongside the Italian champions.

Goals by the former German international, Michael Zorc, and Lars Ricken ended Juventus's perfect record in Champi-

EUROPEAN SOCCER

ons' League Group C and gave the Germans revenge for a humiliating 3-1 defeat at home earlier in the year. Zorc opened the scoring in the 29th minute with a powerful right-foot shot

from the edge of the goal. Ricken made it 2-0 in the 64th, quickly latching on to a misdirected header from the Juventus defender Massimo Carrera

and drilling the ball past the Juventus goalkeeper, Angelo Penizzi. Juventus, whose form has faded after an impressive start to the season, got an in-

jury-time consolation goal from Alessandro Del Piero, a second-half substitute, who has now scored in each of his team's five Cup matches to date. Juventus is untouchable at the top of

Group C on 12 points, ahead of Dortmund with eight and one match remaining. Spartak Moscow 3, Blackburn Rove the Champions' League with a home vic-

tory over Blackburn, the hapless English Blackburn, which won, 7-0, in the Premier League on Saturday, has still to score

a goal or a victory in the Champions' League.
The Rovers fell behind on a goal by Dmitri Alenichev after 28 minutes, and the

frustration became too much for two Blackburn players, Graeme Le Saux and David Batty, who had to be separated by teammates after a physical disagreement. Yuri Nikiforov and Ramiz Mamedov made the game safe with two goals in the

10 minutes after halftime. Ajax Amsterdam 2, Real Madrid 0 Jari Litmanen and Patrick Kliuvert scored for Ajax as they won in Madrid in their penultimate

European Champions League game. The Dutch team, unbeaten in the Dutch league and unbeaten in Europe, produced an extraordinary first half, hitting the bar three

times and having two goals disallowed. In a 14-minute span, they had five clear chances. Kluivert scored in the ninth minute only for the referee to call him back for pushing, then the 19-year-old smashed

his next effort against the bar. free-kick moments later, the ball falling home for an early-morning training sesbehind the line only for the referee to wave sion. play on. The winger Marc Overmars also Pico hit the bar before the break, which, in-

credibly, saw the sides still at 0-0. Madrid came back into the match in the killing of the soccer player.

second half, but Litmanen took advantage of gaps at the back to open the scoring in the 64th minute. Kliuvert finished off the scoring in the 76th minute.

Nantes 2, Porto 2 Nantes missed the chance to ensure a quarterfinal spot after tying at Porto, Portugal.

The French team, which leads Group A, led twice and survived a late scare as Bohby Robson's men missed a second-half penalty that would have settled the game. Nantes began the match sensationally despite the absence of its skipper, Japhet

N'Doram. Revnald Pedros scored after just three minutes

But Ljubimko Drulovic latched onto a scuffed shot at the edge of the goal and threaded his shot past Dominique Casagrande. That equalizer lifted the Portuguese, and they dominated the next 20

Then Pedros scored again for Nantes in

the 34th minute. José Carlos took advantage to level the game again after 55 minutes. His free-kick at the edge of the box cannoned back to him off the wall and he deftly danced past an approaching tackler to fire a shot into the bottom right-hand corner.

Pedros missed a perfect hat trick chance when he found himself 10 meters out after Spartak clinched first place in Group B of a goal-mouth scramble but shot wide, past

• In a UEFA Cup match Tuesday, Sevilla and Barcelona tied, 1-1, on spectacular set-piece goals by Davor Suker and Gheorghi Hagi.

Sevilla squandered six or seven clear chances as Barcelona's goalkeeper, Carlos Busquets, was repeatedly tested in the third-round first-leg match. Busquets had no chance when a beautifully-flighted free kick by Suker, a Croatian international, put Sevilla ahead just before halftime.

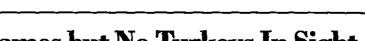
Sevilia kept up the pressure, but Barcelona weathered the storm, and Hagi evened the score midway through the

Hagi, who had been doubtful for the tie after having six stitches in a head wound, which he sustained in Saturday's victory against Albacete, blasted home a free-kick from more than 30 yards. (Reuters, AFP)

Colombian Killed by Gunman BOGOTA - The Colombian defender Albeiro Pico Hernandez of Club Envigado was shot and killed by an unidentified gunmen Wednesday in the northwest city

of Medellin, police said. They said the gunmen fired seven rounds Litmanen also rattled the crossbar with a at 23-year-old Pico as he was leaving his

> vigado since 1988. Políce said they had no immediate clues as to the reasons for the



There are two Thanksgiving National Football League games on Thursday. Timothy W. Smith assesses the matchups.

CROSSWORD

best teams from the two conferences meet Dallas has a chance to prove that they're the best, period. The Chiefs have a lot of crush opponents. Just ask Oakland.

You're a bunch of idiots. Unfortunately, I also have something to say to myself. On Monday I said Frerotte would probably never be a great at the start. All had terrible touchdown-to- about the agonizingly slow pace of dequarterback and that Shuler had the markings of a bust. It looks like I'm an idiot, ing 11-17. Young was 11-21, Fouts 14-26, NFL quarterbacks.

By Thomas Boswell

Vashington Post Service

he was allowed to play at all, he threw only

three touchdown passes while heaving 10

film on it all night, every night," one of Staubach's old teammates, Calvin Hill,

recalled. "If he woke up in the middle of

the night, he wanted the first thing he saw

to be a defense that he had to recognize."
In his first three years in the NFL, Dan

Fouts threw 16 touchdowns and 36 in-

terceptions. After five NFL years, Terry

48 touchdowns to 81 interceptions and

had been booed so badly at home he once

completion rate) were a league joke.

cried on national television.

interceptions and losing six fumbles.

OGER Staubach reached the NFL

at the age of 27. In his first two years

in Dallas, he was so bad that, when

too. Never let the facts stand in the way of Bradshaw 19-46 and Aikman 20-36. Fours a good boo. Since Sunday, I've studied the careers of many NFL quarterbacks. I wish I could say the conclusions are ambiguous. They're not. Frerotte is miles ahead of the pack. At this point in his career, the quarterbacks he most resembles statistically --- per 100 attempts --are John Elway, Jim Everett, Phil Simms,

Tim Sherwood (4) telling off Graeme Le Saux, who had exchanged blows with a teammate as Blackburn lost in Moscow.

"Roger had a projection screen on the ceiling of his bedroom and he ran game Bob Griese and Fran Tarkenton. Frerotte's development to date rates an A-minus. He's no comet across the horizon like Joe Montana or Dan Marino who, by their second seasons, were already at or near their peaks.

Frerotte is already so far ahead of most solid vet quarterbacks — the Roman Gabriels, Craig Mortons and Jim Plun-ketts — that it's hard to believe he won't Bradshaw had an arrocious differential of have all-pro seasons for somebody and play a dozen years or more. Frerotte has and Kilmer, couldn't even be trusted to get For most, learning NFL defenses is like truly bad team around him. Face it: the gerated, half-considered reactions. That's trying to speed-read Sanskrit. Look at Redskins are in a stink-to-high-heaven some Redskins' Super Bowl quarter- phase of their franchise history, yet Frebacks. Billy Kilmer stunk for five NFL rotte has the numbers of a veteran for a don't expect to use the same parts of your years. Joe Theismann was totally con-

fused until he was 30. After two NFL Shuler is a far bigger surprise. Eyewitnesses can probably be unearthed who have heard me call him "a \$19-million is a place to release a few combat emotions. To ask fans to be reasonable and years, Doug Williams (and his 40 percent And I have something to say to the fans wasted draft pick" and "the Desmond studious in evaluating the home quarat Washington's RFK Stadium who, last Howard of quarterbacks." It appears that terback is a comic contradiction in terms. Gus Fremtte and then rong. Very wrong, Shuler's shook the joint till it rocked with their jeers stats so far are almost identical to seven for Heath Shuler. I say this from the past quarterbacks. Frankly, it still doesn't deserves all the support he has received. Steve Young, Troy Aikman, Dan Fouts,

Randali Cunningham and Bradshaw. It's incredible how bad these guys were interception ratios, like Shuler's hair-rais-

Young Quarterbacks: When Bad Is Good and Bradshaw had completion rates almost as bad as Shuler's 46 percent. All played

for teams just about as bad. Shuler's early-career numbers are clones of two other quarterbacks picked third overall in the draft: Mike Phipps and Dan Pastorini. This parallel is scary. Cleveland sent four years of Browns' history down a rat hole before admitting that Phipps, who played 56 straight games, was a stiff. Houston dedicated nine seasons to developing Pastorini who in size, arm strength and gifts was a Shuler clone. Pastorini improved: from horrible to lousy.

'EATH, I'm sorry. Relative to others who have been in your shoes. you've done decently. Many have been worse. Plenty, such as Theismann completed 50 percent of his passes for 18 off the bench at your age. Of all our sports, touchdowns and 17 interceptions with a pro football is the most prone to exagone of the reasons it's so much fun!

Every activity has its own mood. You personality when you're at the Kennedy Center or a Redskins game. An NFL game Still, just this once, perhaps a few facts

won't completely ruin our sport. Frerotte seem possible to me that five of those are But Shuler — on his performance, not just his potential - merits encouragement, too. Anybody who disparages either one is simply proving that he doesn't know much velopment necessary for 90 percent of all

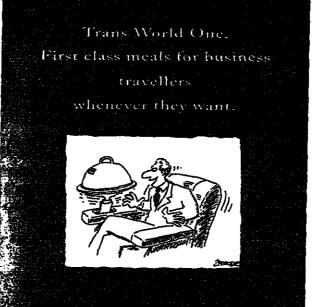
2 Games but No Turkeys In Sight

Minnesota (6-5) vs. Detroit (5-6) Since the Lions owner William Clay Ford issued his ultimatum to the coach Wayne Fontes two weeks ago - the play-offs or the sack -Detroit's players have become energized. They'll have to play particularly hard against Minnesota. Warren Moon, Minnesota's 39year-old quarterback, is in spry form. He has thrown 11 touchdowns and no interceptions in the last four games. The Vikings, the second ranked rush defense in the NFC, will make running hard for Barry Sanders. Las Vegas oddsmakers predict that Min-

nesota will win by three points.

which is the idea behind the Super Bowl doubters. Here's an opportunity to make them believers. That's a tall order, because when Dallas sets it mind to it, they can

Troy Aikman, who has the highest quarterback rating in the NFL, and the Chiefs' Steve Bono are two of the best passers in the game. Dallas has the edge in rushing. The key will be turnovers and defense. The Chiefs, who have given up just seven sec-ond-half points in their last four games, are opportunist, but won't sneak up on Dallas. Dallas are 10 point favorites.



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An Argument Over Holes

in Humble, Texas, for stealing was copying other courses, their holes.

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Durkee also contended that Pinehurst No. 2 in North Car-

olina, Pebble Beach in California and Harbour Town in South Carolina are suing Tour 18, north of Houston, which duplicates 18 of some of the most famous holes from 16 golf

The plaintiffs say Tour 18 has ripped off their exclusive cre-

Judge David Hittner, who listened to closing arguments in the three-week, nonjury trial. The plaintiffs charge that the pointed to his maroon tie with a a lot of preparation for this Jim Gambrell, the attorney for

have our reputation in their original clubs' blessings.

hands." William Durkee, Tour HOUSTON — Three of the 18's attorney, counters that the three most famous courses in the owner, Dennis Wilkerson, never United States are suing a course tried to disguise the fact that he The fit fill diff.

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Wilkerson's right to copy is supported both by the Supreme Court, in past trademark de-cisions and in that disclaimers are posted all over the course. At no time was there any

effort to hide," Durkee said. For \$55 to \$70, a Tour 18 golfer can play replicas of the "lighthouse hole" at Harbour Town (No. 18) or the "Arnen Corner" from Georgia's Augus-

Humble course is "tarnishing" golf motif and joked: "I've done their reputation by not building exact replicas and making money off substandard copies. They the suing courses, said: "An also complain that the course owner's reputation should re- confuses golfers into believing main with the owner. They the copies were done with the

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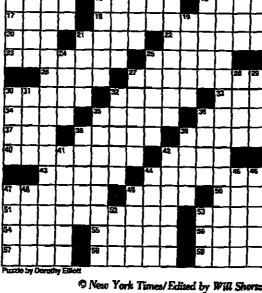
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Mavericks Miss A Cinch Shot **And Bulls Win**

The Associated Press The Dallas Mavericks discovered that it doesn't matter how well you rebound if you can't make a layup.

The Mavericks dominated the Chicago Bulls on the boards (66-50) and shot well from outside, but couldn't connect from in

NBA ROUNDUP

close as they lost, 106-102, in overtime * Tuesday night. The biggest miss of all for Dallas was Jim

Jackson's uncontested shot under the basket with 1.1 seconds remaining that would have given Dallas a 96-94 victory in regulation. On an inbounds play, Jamal Mashburn found Jackson alone underneath and whipped the ball to him before the Bulls could react. But the shot from point-blank range bounced away.

If they like a moral victory, they can cuddle this one tonight, but I don't think there will be too many of them happy about it," the Mavericks coach, Dick Motta, said. 'I saw them miss a whole bunch of layups. I've always been taught that a layup is better than a three-pointer."

'We hustled our buits off and controlled the boards. We did everything we needed to do, but they still keep score, and you have to put the ball in the little orange thing," Motta

Jason Kidd led Dallas with 25 points, 15 rebounds, 11 assists and six successive rebounds and steals were career highs.

Machburn had 21 points and Jackson 18. Michael Jordan led the Bulls with 36

points, including 17 in the second quarter.
"This team was scrapping pretty hard,"
Jordan said of Dallas. "Every loose ball they came up with. We fought our way back the whole game. We got really for- triple-double in Raptors history with 20



SuperSonics' Gary Payton speeding toward the basket around the Raptors' Damon Stoudamire. Toronto won, 102-97.

time in nine games while the Mavericks dropped their fourth straight. With the Bulls leading, 102-100, with 47.6 seconds left in overtime, Jackson was whistled for traveling on a drive to the basket and the Bulls managed to hold on for blocked shot as the Nuggets got their first the victory. Jordan and Toni Kukoc made two free throws apiece, and Randy Brown added a slam-dunk just before the buzzer.

Raptors 102. SuperSogics 97 In Toronto. the rookie Damon Stoudamire had the first

regulation." The Bulls won for the eighth Miller added a season-high 23 points and a 17-point effort off the bench with a Willie Anderson 22 for Toronto, which desperation three-pointer from the left corwon its third straight.

Nuggets 107, Hawks 99 In Denver, Antonio McDyess, a rookie, scored 22 points and had 10 rebounds, three assists and one victory at home this season.

Bryant Stith added 16 points and Dale Ellis 15 for Denver. Dikembe Mutombo, wearing goggles after suffering an eye injury in practice, had 12 points and 15 rebounds. Trail Blazers 109, Lakers 108 In Ingle-

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ner at the buzzer that ended the Lakers' four-game winning streak.

"I always think my shots are going in,"
Robinson said. "I just followed through and I was fortunate that it went in. The play was designed to get Cliff (Robinson) open. My man went to Cliff and I went to the cor-

Cedric Ceballos scored 38 points and Divac had 18 points and 16 rebounds for the Lakers. Rod Strickland led the Trail nunate they missed a basket at the end of points, 12 rebounds and 11 assists. Oliver wood, California, James Robinson capped Blazers with 28 points and 10 assists.

Panthers Beat Devils, 4-3, In Yet Another Comeback

Ducks Rally to Defeat Flames, 3-2

The Associated Press

The Florida Panthers have been making games." a habit of comebacks this season. Suddenly, the Mighty Ducks of Anaheim are getting the hang of it, too.

Both recent expansion teams continued to play well on Tuesday night when the Panthers rallied to beat the New Jersey

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Devils, 4-3, and the Ducks did the same to

nip the Calgary Flames, 3-2.
"It took us about 10 minutes to wake up, said the Florida right wing, Jody Hull, whose team spotted the Devils a 2-0 lead before four minutes remaining on a power-play rallying. It was the fourth comeback victory for the Panthers in their last 11 games.

The Ducks, meanwhile, won for the ninth time in 12 games with a dramatic victory at Calgary on Steve Rucchin's goal with 3:23 left in regulation.

"This is the most important goal I've scored here so far," said Rucchin, a 24-

year-old in his second season. Trailing 2-1 entering the third period, Anaheim tied it at 12:05 on a goal by Mike Sillinger. Rucchin then scored the gamewinner after taking a pass from David Karpa and evading the Flames defenseman Kevin

Oleg Tverdovsky also scored for Ana-heim, which moved within three points of second-place Los Angeles in the Pacific Division. Steve Chiasson and Cory Still scored for the Flames, who outshot Ana-

The Ducks, who entered the game lead- season. ing the NHL in even-strength goals with 57, ushed two-for-five on the power play.

"Tonight we were shooting more often on the power play and it won us the hockey game," Sillinger said. "On other nights,

our power play has cost us hockey

Rangers 9, Penguina 4 In New York, Pat Verbeek scored three goals and Luc Robitaille added a goal and four assists as the

Rangers beat Pittsburgh. The Rangers, playing perhaps their best game of the season, scored three goals in each period against the Penguins, who lead the Northeast Division. They also drew a standing ovation after killing a five-minute major penalty late in the second period against the league's leading club on the

power play.

Verbeek completed the hat trick with goal, his 11th of the season.

Flyers 5, Kings 2 in Philadelphia, John LeClair, Rod Brind'Amour and Mikael Renberg scored goals in a two-minute span of the third period to spark the Flyers past

Los Angeles.
Philadelphia won its fourth straight and is unbeaten in its last five.

Bruine 5, Jets 4 In Boston, Jozef Stumpel scored two of his three goals in the third period as he led the Bruins over Win-

Keith Tkachuk scored two goals and assisted on another for the Jets, but it wasn't enough to overcome the Bruins,

who put 41 shots on net. Maple Leafs 5, Blues 2 Toronto, with Felix Porvin outplaying the former goal-tending mentor Grant Fuhr, beat visiting St. Louis to move into first place in the Central Division for the first time this

Benoit Hogue had two goals for the Maple Leafs. They have won three in a row and six of their last seven to rise to seventh place in the 26-team league's overall stand-

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Scorers: Sevilla — Davor Suker (47th);

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TRANSITIONS

sostom—Announced Buddy Solley, manages, will return for Powtucket, it. Named John Cumberland pitching cooch for Powtucket. Announced Ken Machia, manager, will return for Treaton, EL. Named Gomer Hodge hittling cooch for Treaton. Announced DeMarts Hole, manager, and Jeff Gray, pitching cooch, will return for Sarasota, FSL. Named Victor Rodrigue Military cooch for Sarasota.

my Barrett manager and Pookle Bernstein til-ting coach for Michigan, ML. Announced Still Motoney, pitching coach, will return for Michi-gan. Named Luis Agunyo minor-league roving infield Instructor, and Dick Berardine minor-

imeia instruction, and buck begarang instantisague assistant field coordinator.

CHICAGO—Bought controots of Greg Norton, ad baseman; Jufio Vinas and Scott Vollmer, cotchers and Brien Woods, pitcher, from Nastville, AA. Designated Barry Lyons and Chris Tremie, cotchers, for assignment.

DETROIT—Bought contracts of Cars Smith, pitcher, from Proyetheville, SAL; Brian Moetiler, pitcher, from Jocksonville, SLL; Brian Moetiler, pitcher, from Jocksonville, SLL; and Henry Santos, pitcher, from Toledo, IL. Clolmed Torn Schmidt, Infielder, off wolvers from Colorada. Clolmed McCurry, pitcher, off wolvers from Pittsburght.

JALUNATURE—Bought contracts of Gabby Marthese, Infielder, Byron Browne pitcher, and Brian Bonks and Todd Dunn, outfielders, from New Orleans, AA.

New York—Bought contracts of Milke Figgo. catcher, Rambra Mendoza, IVI Olda, and Kent Walloca, pitchers, from Columbus, IL. and Chris Cumberland, pitcher, from Tampo, FSL.

umberland, pitcher, from Tompo, FSL, TEXAS—Sent on undisciosed amount Toronto to complete the Aug. 31 In TEXAS—Sent on uniformation comport 7st.

TEXAS—Sent on uniformit on uniformation to complete the Aug. 31 trade for Condy Maldonada, outfielder. Signed Jaey Vierna, pitcher, and Jason McFarlin, outfielder, and assigned them to Oklohoma City, AA. NATIONAL LEAGUE
FLORIDA—Agreed to terms with Devon White,
sufficiency on 3-year contract. Designated Day

Houston—Sugnit Compacts of recitars Hilduspo, outfielder, and Ryan Creek, Allice Gezonich, pitchers, from Jackson, TL.; Oscar Henriquez, pitcher, from Kassimmee, FSL; and Rich Loiselle, pitcher, from Tucson, PCL, NEW YORK—Signed Chris Noisholz, Joe Ausanio, Steve Dixon and Rick Reed, pitchers; Luis Physics, leftileder, and Kink Rehberg, outfield.

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PITTSBURGH—Sent Rick White, Dennis Konuszewski and Gary Wilson, pitchers, out-right to Caigory, PCL. Bought contracts of Man Ryan, Marc Piscotta, Mall Ruebel and Chris Peters, pitchers, Jermaine Allensworth, Trey Beamon and Charles Peterson, outfielders, and Jeson Kendoll, catcher, from Caigory, Sax Dieso—Bought contracts of Brad Koutman, pitcher, from Memphis of the Southern Langues Joey Long, pitcher, and Jorge Velandia, infletder, from Las Vegas, PCL. Released Phil Phantier, outfielder, San FRANCISCO—Bought Contracts of Steve Bourgeols, pitcher Kolin Williams, outfielder, and Bill Mueller, third besteman from Phoerits, PCL; Ricky Picket, Pitcher, and Jay Cantzons shortstop, from San Jose, CL.

CL.

ST. LOUIS—Released Vicente Polacias and Rich Rodriguez, pitchers. Bought contracts of Elieser Marreo, carloiner, Manuel Aybar and Jay Wilastick, pitchers, from St. Petersburg, PSL: Mike Bushy, pitcher, from Lausville, AA; and Steve Montgomery, pitcher, from Arkansos, TI.

NATIONAL BASICETBALL ASSOCIATION DETECT—Put Joe Dumors, guard, on Injured list. Signed Moff Fish, cenier. fivated Tim Bream, forward, from Injured Tist.

Syrocuse, AHL

PHILADELPHIA—Released Either Bennett,

MOUSTON—Agreed to terms with Steve Hen-drickson, running back Natu Tudagaloa, de-fensive Eneman; and Mark Hoffield, tackle. Re-leased David Williams, locklet James Tharmon.

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practice squad. Signed Harrison Hou receiver, to practice squad.

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MATIONAL HOCKEY LEAGUE
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Mike Hesler, assistant tactball cook signed Charles Huff, defensive coordi

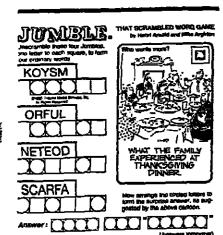
SAM JOSE STATE—Signed John Roiston, foot-ball coach, to 2-year contract extension. VANDERBILT—Named Jim Foster interim afti-

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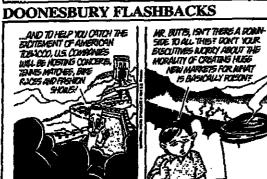
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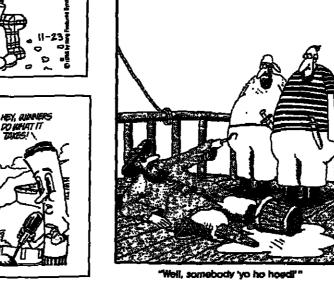
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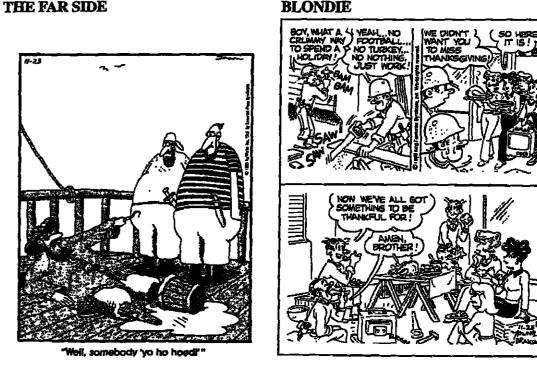












A Gift to General de Gaulle

gift from the United States to General The vieux capitaine said to the jeune lieuharles de Gaulle on the day he liberated tenant: Paris. In exchange, De Gaulle gave America his recipe for Salade Nicoise.)

as le Jour de Merci Donnant.

who fled from l'Angleterre before the Mc-Carran Act to found a colony in the New (le Nouveau

Monde) where they could shoot Indians (les Peaux-Rouges) and eat turkey (dinde) to their hearts' con-

They landed at a place called Plymouth (now a famous voiture Américaine) in a wooden sailing ship named the Mayflower, or Fleur de Mai, in 1620. But while the Pèlerins were

killing the dindes, the Peaux-Rouges were killing the Pèlerins, and there were several hard winters ahead for both of them. The only way the Peaux-Rouges helped the Pèlerins was when they taught them how to grow com (mais). The reason they did this was because they liked com with their Pèlerins.

In 1623, after another harsh year, the Pèlerins' crops were so good that they decided to have a celebration and give thanks because more mais was raised by the Pèlerins than Pèlerins were killed by the Peaux-Rouges.

Every year on le Jour de Merci Donnant, parents tell their children an amusing story about the first celebration. It concerns a brave capitaine named

Miles Standish (known in France as Kilomètres Deboutish) and a shy young lieu-

San Francisco's Less Crooked Street

Street reopened this week.

SAN FRANCISCO - It took five months and \$1.2 million before San Francisco finished straightening out the "World's Crookedest Street." Lombard

(This is the 50th anniversary of the first appearance of "Explaining Thanksgiving were in love with a flower of Plymouth Day to the French." It was presented as a called Priscilla Mullens (no translation).

'Go to the damsel Priscilla (Allez très vite chez Priscilla), the loveliest maiden of Plymouth (la plus jolie demoiselle de Ply-ONE of the most important holidays is mouth). Say that a blunt old captain, a man not of words but of action (un vieux Fanfan mouth). Say that a blunt old captain, a man la Tulipe), offers his hand and his heart -Le Jour de Merci Donnant was first the hand and heart of a soldier. Not in these started by a group of Pilgrims (Pèlerins) words, you understand, but this, in short, is my meaning.

'I am a maker of war (Je suis un fabricant de la guerre) and not a maker of phrases. You, bred as a scholar (Vous, qui êtes pain comme un étudiant), can say it in elegant language, such as you read in your books of the pleadings and wooings of lovers, such as you think best suited to win the heart of the maiden."

Although Jean was fit to be tied (con*venable à être emballé)*, friendship prevailed over love and he went to his duty. But instead of using elegant language, he blurted out his mission. Priscilla was muted with amazement and sorrow (rendue muette par l'étonnement et la tristesse).

At length she exclaimed, breaking the ominous silence, "If the great captain of Plymouth is so very eager to wed me, why does he not come himself and take the trouble to woo me?" (Ou est-il, le vieux Kilomètres? Pourquoi ne vient-il pas

auprès de moi pour tenter sa chance?)

Jean said that Kilomètres Deboutish was very busy and didn't have time for such things. He staggered on, telling her what a wonderful husband Kilomètres would make. Finally, Priscilla arched her eyebrows and said in a tremulous voice, "Why don't you speak for yourself, Jean?" (Chacun à son gout.)

And so, on the fourth Thursday in November, American families sit down at a large table brimming with tasty dishes and for the only time during the year eat better than the French do.

No one can deny that le Jour de Merci Donnant is a grande fête, and no matter how well fed American families are, they never forget to give thanks to Kilomètres Deboutish, who made this great day pos-

You Wanna Be in Pictures? Go to School

By Anita Gates
New York Times Service

NEW YORK — Edward Burns is livling his dream. Last month, he completed production on his second film, which he wrote, directed and starred in. He made it on a \$3 million budget and with the support of 20th Century-Fox.

This follows "The Brothers Mc-Mullen," his first film, which he made for only \$25,000, and which became one of the year's Cinderella stories, winning the grand jury prize at the Sundance Film Festival, then enjoying a successful commercial and critical run that is still continuing.

Burns, 27, is the wave of the future: the film-school-trained director. Over the last two decades, film degrees have grown nearly 300 percent compared with college degrees overall. In 1980, 35 percent of all first-time directors had attended film school. By 1992, the figure had more than doubled, to 72 percent

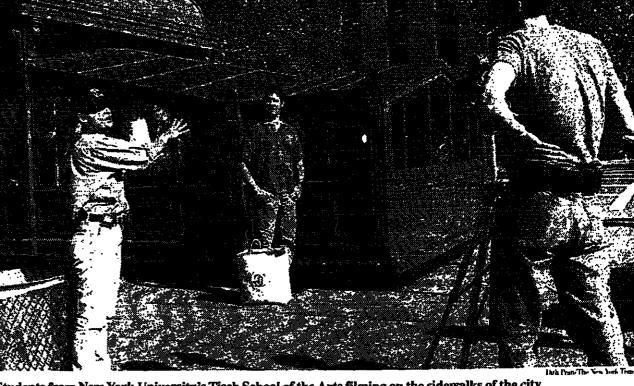
At least 120 schools now offer film or cinema-studies degrees, and Gilbert Cates, the dean of the film school at the University of California at Los Angeles, has predicted that by the year 2000 almost 90 percent of new directors will have filmschool backgrounds.

There are many reasons cited for the explosion in film-school enrollments, taught and the networking opportunities that are available. But three obvious ones (University of Southern California, also in Los Angeles). They led the charge into film schools in the late 1960s, and many thousands of would-be Orson Welleses have since rushed along in their wake.

"The way I found out about it, living in Ohio, where film directing was not a normal career option," Chris Columbus recalled recently, "was reading articles about Scorsese, Coppola, Lucas. You realized at the time that film school was a place to learn the craft.

Columbus, the director of "Home Months," studied film at New York University, as did Spike Lee before him, Oliver Stone before Lee and Scorsese before Stone.

On a Monday morning not long ago.



among them the practical skills that are Students from New York University's Tisch School of the Arts filming on the sidewalks of the city.

roughly two dozen students filed into short films. At the beginning, questions David Irving's beginning film-production were polite and criticism careful. ("How are Martin Scorsese and Francis Ford David Irving's beginning film-production Coppola (UCLA) and George Lucas class at New York University. The lights went down, and the class watched a short film that demonstrated the work of Foley artists, who create sound effects for films, from running water to high heels on a

marble floor On the blackboard, Irving drew a threestripe soundtrack (the area along one side dialogue and effects. Then he began a discussion of voice-over, on-screen dialogue and off-screen sound. Use voiceover sparingly, he advised, perhaps as audience is seeing. A scene from Scor-sese's 1990 film, "Goodfellas," was

shown as an example.

did you make the organ grinder thing?""I thought you edited it very well.")

But by the fourth film, students were pointing out that the lighting in a room had been different from shot to shot, that the actress had mysteriously been in a different dress when a camera angle changed and that a person probably wouldn't keep of movie film that carries the sound) and chewing gum while being attacked by an wrote the names of the tracks: music, intruder. The director said these were dramatic choices. "It doesn't have to make sense," she said.

The students in Irving's class have overcome the first film-school hurdle: admis-"Mrs. Doubtfire" and "Nine counterpoint, and never explain what the sion. The New York University film program, considered one of the United States's best, receives 800 to 850 graduateschool applicants a year and takes about 40. The second half of the class was given Of 1,200 undergraduate film-school apover to viewing and discussion of students' plications a year, the school accepts 290.

Good grades and letters of recommendation are all considered, but the quality of the "creative package" (a film or video no longer than 30 minutes and a four-page written treatment) is most significant, according to the 1994-96 catalogue of the university's Tisch School of the Arts,

which includes the film programs.

The second hurdle is financial. The catalogue lists annual tuition for undergraduate and graduate students at \$19,265, with an additional \$8,712 estimated for an undergraduate's housing and other expenses.

Then there are student films, made in both undergraduate and graduate school. The estimated cost for the final graduateschool film is \$6,000, but Mary Schmidt Campbell, the dean of the Tisch School. readily acknowledges that the average film costs about \$10,000 or \$12,000, "which. I'm sorry to say, poses an issue for us.'

POSTCARD

At Bagamoyo, Tanzania Seeks Its National Identity

By Donatella Lorch New York Times Service

B AGAMOYO, Tanzania — Music design, lighting, English and Swahili.

"Our country is so big that the aim stone's throw from the Indian Ocean. The or rusty chairs, playing their cowhide drums and wooden marimbas.

In a building nearby, three men practice handstands and dance steps undisturbed by a couple playing the guitar and rehearsing the same song over and over. In the thatched-roof theater, mime students per-

form for their teacher. Only 10 students a year are accepted to and many languages. the three-year program at the School of Art

serving traditional cultures.

Oceania

many without previous artistic training, take courses in traditional music, dance theater and acrobatics, as well as costume

Our country is so big that the aim of northeastern coastal region.

In many ways, the school is the legacy of two decades of socialism and a government

After graduation, many students want to training. at Bagamoyo, one of the few national art return to their home regions to perform or schools in sub-Saharan Africa, and one of teach. But now, like Tanzania itself, which portant to assert Tanzanian identity." Mlathe few of those devoted expressly to pre- has just held its first multiparty elections, the school is trying to redefine its role and The 30 full-time students who study here, cope financially in a post-socialist state.

WEATHER

Forecast for Friday through Sunday, as provided by Accu-Weather.

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Until a couple of years ago, the school's graduates were employed by the government as performers, but now they are struggling to find jobs on their own, sometimes in cultural offices or as members of their being here is to learn something about our own performance groups in a country dozen students sit on cement blocks, rocks other traditions," said Joyce Hagu, 27, a where traditional music, as opposed to student here who is a teacher from the modern Zairian or Western, is difficult to market to local audiences.

> "If a nation does not have a cultural identity, it is a nation without a spirit," said policy aimed at overcoming ethnic divi- Penina Mlama, professor of theater and art In the letter, Washington discusses when to sions and creating a shared sense of na- and the chief academic officer at the Unitional identity. The dance and art studied versity of Dar es Salaam. "Bagamoyo is Saratoga. here reflect Tanzania's 120 ethnic groups very unique. In Africa you have the problem that artists don't have schools for practical

'Now, more than ever before, it is imma said. "We need to come up with deliberate policies or we will end up as a nation all over the place."

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PEOPLE

WHEN Gary Cooper's daughter had one of her father's prized possessions appraised, she found out it was a really hot item — as in stolen. The 1777 letter written by George Washington was found to have been among 17 letters taken from the Massachusetts state archives in the 1940s. Maria Cooper Janis, who was informed of the purloined letter by Christie's auction house where it was appraised at \$24,000, wrote state officials to say she would turn it over and explain "an mknown party" gave it to her father. "The letter hung in the family library in Beverly Hills for many, many years," Jan's wrote. release prisoners captured at the battle of

Let bygones be bygones. Madonna believes Catholicism would provide a good upbringing for the children she might have. As sexist and patriarchal as Catholicism is. I think it still had a good effect on me in many ways and it made me ask a lot of questions," the singer said in an interview with a music television channel. She also said she longed to have children.

Zsa Zsa Gabor first helped out at a homeless shelter because she had to. Now it's an annual Thanksgiving gesture. Gabor has donated 100 turkeys to the Low Income and Elderly United-Community Assis-1990, when she was sentenced to community service for slapping a police officer. She and several helpers bought the turkeys and then delivered them.

Treasures from ballet star Rudolf Nureyev's Paris apartment overlooking the Seine sold for £1.8 million (\$2.8 million) at a two-day auction, Christie's said. Art collectors and ballet fans bid for Kelim rugs, sculptures, furniture, painting and costumes. Some items such as ballet shoes sold for more than 30 times their estimates. The sale followed a two-year legal battle computer game "Daryl F. Gates's Police between the dancer's family and the trusts Quest SWAT." The program will be availcontrolling his estate. The Rudolf Nureyev Foundation will receive the proceeds of the sale, which will benefit young dancers and medical research.



tance Project shelter each November since A pair of Nureyev ballet shoes sold for £12,000 (\$18,700) at Christie's.

July. It will be their second child and big names as John Wayne, Roy Rogers Quinn's 12th. Quinn, 80, is in the middle of and Dale Evans. a rancorous divorce procedure with his wife of 30 years, Iolanda.

Daryl F. Gates, retired from his role as the famously tough police chief in Los Angeles, is now armed with a mouse and snares cyber-crooks who lie, cheat and steal. Clicking the action on a computer, Gates commanded a SWAT team through a life-and-death situation on the new \$60

Reba McEntire has sung her way into the National Cowboy Hall of Fame's Hall of Great Western Performers. McEnture, an

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The Minnesota Historical Society has acquired a collection of the letters of Sinclair Lewis, a favorite son and Nobel Prize winner, that would please the chamber of commerce. "Please understand that I am a Minnesotan, by birth and present residence, and that I want tourists to come here, quite as much for their own sake as for Minnesota's sake," he wrote in 1919. The letters, mostly written between 1915 and 1920, were acquired from a Los Angeles book dealer for \$24,000.

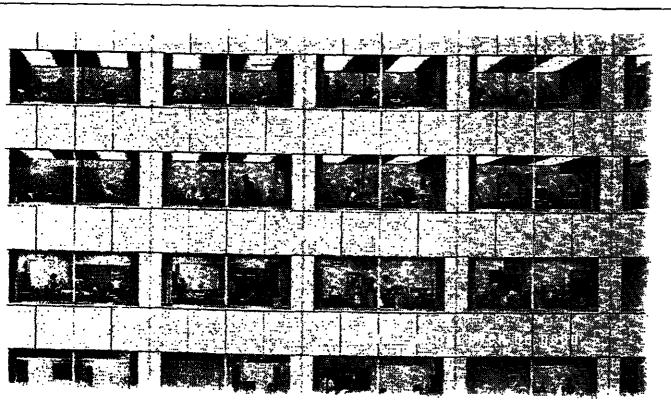
Early next year, G.P. Putnam's Sons will help celebrate George Burns's 100th birthday, which falls on Jan. 20, by pub-Anthony Quinn and his girlfriend, Oklahoma native, became the first country lishing a quasi-memoir — a book of his music artist to be inducted and joins such tales, "100 Years — 100 Stories."

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